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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR. — The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/1 1/8.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

Over $560,000 on 1930 Estimates.

EFFECT OF EXCHANGE.

Supplementary Votes, amounting in all to $564,759, are to be submitted to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

The main items are as under:—

Public Works Department:—Other Charges, 17, Radio Telegraph Branch—Repairs, Stores and Current. To meet anticipated expenditure to the end of the year, $2,000.

Provision made in Estimates, $30,000.

The present available balance on this vote is $1,239 only which is insufficient to meet the anticipated expenditure to the end of the year, and a supplementary vote of $2,000 is requested.

The excess expenditure is caused principally by (a) very large increase in traffic (with consequent increase in revenue) and (b) the supply of several large valves (valued at $1,801) to Cape D'Aguilar Wireless Telegraph Station.

Public Works Department:—Electric Fans and Light. To meet anticipated expenditure to the end of the year, $5,000.

Provision made in Estimates, $25,000.

This vote was reduced from $30,000 (1929) to $25,000 (1930) and proves to have been underestimated.

The vote is to meet the cost of lamps and supply of current to various Government Buildings, many of which are not used by or under the control of the Public Works Department although the vote is disbursed by this Department.

Audit Charges.

Audit:—Share of Home Expenditure, $1,717.

Provision made in Estimates, $5,204.

This sub-head of expenditure is not under local control and, under instruction, was estimated at £477 for the current year, the estimates being based on a 1s. 10d. dollar.

This excess of $1,717 is due mainly to the fluctuation of exchange but includes also a sterling excess of £24.

Prisons Fuel.

Prisons Department: — Fuel, $3,500.

Provision made in Estimates, $19,000.

This is due to the increase in the price of gas which has been raised from $2.50 to $3 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Prisons Department:—Photography, $600.

Provision made in Estimates, $900.

The contract price for photographic stores, all of which are purchased locally, is considerably higher than was estimated.

Language Study.

Miscellaneous Services: — Language Study Allowances, $1,950

Provision made in Estimates, $26,000.

The number of officers studying Cantonese has been somewhat higher than allowed for in the Estimates.

Public Works Department:—Dehumidifying Plant. To meet Crown Agents' Charges, $490.

Provision made by Supplementary Vote, $2,800.

Prisons Linotype.

Prisons Department: — Special Expenditure. Linotype Machine, $6,900.

Provision made in Estimates, $14,200.

The original estimate for this machine, including freight and other charges, was about $1,800, exchange being reckoned at 1/10.

From the Crown Agents' accounts received it appears that the amount payable will be about $1,847, all charges included, but of this it is anticipated that £50 will be recoverable in 1931 in respect of an overcharge by the makers.

Sanitary Department:—Bonuses to Dispensary Licentiates and Clerks for Vaccination, etc., $350.

Miscellaneous Services:—Printing and Binding Miscellaneous Papers, $4,000.

[illegible] made in Estimates, [illegible]

[illegible] output having been restricted during the period in which repairs were carried out at the printing shop—and the estimated provision has proved to be insufficient.

Crown Agents.

Miscellaneous Services:—Crown Agents Commission, $10,000.

The orders for stores to be supplied through the Crown Agents have been heavier than was anticipated, and this fact together with the additional dollar expenditure due to the fall in exchange has caused the estimated provision to become insufficient.

Police Motor Van.

Police Force:—1 Light Motor Van, $501.

Provision made in Estimates, $3,5000.

Owing to lower rate of exchange and to the cost of the van being higher than estimated, the vote will be exceeded by $501.

Miscellaneous Additions, $16,678.

Provision made in Estimate, $132,537.

The provision made in 1930 Esttimates was based on a rate of exchange of $1 = 1s. 10d. The sums provided have, in consequence of the fall in exchange, become insufficient in cases dealing with sterling payments. A number of cases in which small excesses have been occasioned appear in the schedule, and a vote for $16,678 to cover the total excess so far concerned is requested.

Kowloon Meters.

Public Works Recurrent:—Kowloon Water Account (meters etc.), $11,000.

Provision made in Estimates, $30,000.

Numerous applications for new metered services are being received on account of the rapid development on the Peninsula.

A Supplementary Vote of $11,000 is requested which will allow for the provision of approximately 220 additional metres.

Public Works Extraordinary:—Hong Kong Buildings, Latrine at Aberdeen (16 seats), $650.

Rent Allowances.

Miscellaneous Services: — Rent Allowances, Asiatic Subordinate Officers, $3,500.

Provision made in Estimates, $90,000.

This vote was underestimated as more maximum allowances than were anticipated have been drawn. The allowances are all on an authorised scale.

All Services and Departments:—Personal Emolments, $262,903.

The additional amount required for revised salaries on a basis of $1 = 1/6 was estimated at $2,048,917, and, even though at the time of the June Resolution the rate of the dollar had dropped to 1/4 5/16, it was hoped that lapsing salaries on posts kept unfilled and the possible steadying of exchange would make the amount then voted sufficient. The further fall in exchange during the past half-year has made this impossible and a vote for $262,903 is accordingly requested.

New Road.

Public Works Extraordinary:—Road connecting Garden Road and Bowen Road with May Road, $30,000.

Provision made in Estimates, $30,000.

PROFESSOR KILLED IN CRATER.

Inactive Volcano Erupts Suddenly.

NINETY CASUALTIES.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The eruption of the volcano at Merapi claimed an eminent victim in Professor Werner Borchardt, lent by the Hamburg Tropical Institute to the Java Institute to conduct climatological investigations. Accompanied by a European assistant, Borchardt, was being lowered by ropes down the crater of Merapi to test the emanations of heat when the volcano, which has been inactive for 40 years, suddenly erupted. Both scientists were killed.—Reuter.

Batavia, Yesterday.

It is feared that 90 persons perished in the Merapi volcano disaster on Thursday.—Reuter.

AMERICAN BOXING FARCE.

Activities of New York Commission.

TITLE FIGHTS.

New York, Yesterday.

"Kind regards, see my manager," was Max Schmeling's reply to the New York Commission's ultimatum concerning the defending of his heavy-weight title. They threatened to deprive him of his title if he did not accept Jack Sharkey's challenge within fifteen days.

There is a little humour attached to the affair, as Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's manager, has already been suspended and therefore has no further dealings with the Commission.

The Commission has suspended Paolino Uzcudun for fighting a suspended boxer, namely, Primo Carnera, at Barcelona on November 30.

The Commission has also threatened Mickey Walker, world's middle-weight champion, and Al Brown, world's bantam-weight champion, with the deprivation of their titles if they do not accept challenges within the next fifteen days.

In accordance with the rules all Champions must participate in a title fight every six months.—Reuter's American Service.

APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed under the provisions of section 10 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, Ordinance No. 1 of 1884, Dr. Tsoung Fat-im to be a Member of the Medical Board for a term of three years, with effect from October 28, 1930.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Walter Schofield to be District Officer in the Southern District of the New Territories, with effect from this date.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Walter Schofield, under the provisions of section 58 of the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910, Ordinance No. 34 of 1910, to hold a Small Debts Court in the New Territories at the following places:—

The charge rooms of the Police Stations at Tsun Wan, Tai O (Lantao), Tung Chung (Lantao), Cheung Chau, Yung Shu Wan in Lamma Island, and the office of the District Officer, South, situate in the building known as "The Government Offices" situate in Pedder Street, Victoria, Hong Kong, over the General Post Office.

LUCKY PAPERS!

London, Yesterday.

No morning or evening papers will be published on December 25, [illegible]

APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICEROY.

Governor-General of Canada's Post.

VISITED CHINA.

London, Yesterday.

It is officially announced that Viscount Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada since 1926, will replace Lord Irwin as Viceroy of India.—Reuter.

[Lord Willingdon, who was created a Baron in 1910 and Viscount in 1924, is 64 years of age. His first appointment was as Junior Lord of the Treasury from 1905-1912. He was appointed Governor of Bombay in 1913, a post which he relinquished in 1919 to become Governor of Madras. Lord Willingdon was Chairman of the Delegation from the Boxer Indemnity Committee which visited China in January-July, 1926. Immensely popular in Canada, Lord Willingdon was Captain of the Eton College and Cambridge elevens.

Lord Irwin, formerly Mr. Edward Wood, has been Viceroy of India since 1926. Educated at Eton, Christ Church and All Souls (Oxford) he was formerly Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies.]

FANLING STEEPLE-CHASE MEETING.

Six Races Will Assure Good Sport.

BIG FIELDS TO-MORROW.

[By "Wombat."]

Firm as the going remains, it is not likely to affect the strength of the fields at the steeplechase meeting which will be decided at Kwanti to-morrow.

Quite a good field are under orders to contest the Ladies' Mile which will be one of the most interesting races on the card, while the centre of attraction will, of course, be the Shataukok Handicap for which Mr. W. W. Stanton will have two or three to select from. He may start Christmas Frolic or November here, and whichever he rides himself should be the pick.

1st Race.

Starters — Blue Boy, Fanling Stag, Fernleaf, Inshallah, Penhole, Sucre and Target. I have a liking for

TARGET.

2nd Race.

Starters—Diana, King Cobra, Mongolian Stag, November, One

STOP PRESS.

Harbin, Yesterday.

The Soviet have ordered the Vladivostock branch of the Bank of Korea to liquidate. If the liabilities exceed the assets, the whole available assets will be confiscated and the branch fined 5,000,000 roubles. — Reuter.

Third, San Francisco, The Albatross. I like

NOVEMBER.

3rd Race.

Starters — As You Like It, Christmas Frolic, Duke of Milan, Penhole. The winner should be

CHRISTMAS FROLIC.

4th Race.

Starters—Andantino, Arabian Sea, Discord, Iron Blood, Kirribilli, Pagoda, Shiny Pearl, Siamese Shop, The Jamaica. I stand for

SHINY PEARL.

5th Race.

Starters—Monterey Bay, Grey Dawn, Doubtful, Cream Cracker, Country Club, City Hall, Heretofore. Look out for

MONTEREY BAY.

6th Race.

Starters — Carbine, Diana, Eclipse Eve, Gay Caballero, Glorious Stag, Ma Kau Siac, Mr. Sieglar, Sgt. Murphy. The winner should be

MR. SIEGLAR.

SELECTIONS AT-A GLANCE.

1st Race:—
Target.
Blue Boy.
Fanling Stag.

2nd Race:—
November.
San Francisco.
Mongolian Stag.

3rd Race:—
Christmas Frolic.
As You Like It.
Duke of Milan.

4th Race:—
Shiny Pearl.
Kirribilli.
Discord.

5th Race:—
Monterey Bay.
Grey Dawn.
Country Club.

6th Race:—
Mr. Sieglar.
Sgt. Murphy.
Carbine.

HOW SPAIN ESCAPED REVOLUTION.

Hastiness of Captain Upsets Plans.

PEASANT RISINGS.

Hendaye, Yesterday.

It is reported that Senor Alcala Zamor, ex-War Minister, before Court preliminarily examining his conduct, accepted full responsibility for the Republican manifesto dropped from the air over Madrid, and said that the Republic was to have been proclaimed on December 15, and one of the revolutionaries had been detailed to conduct the Royal family to the frontier.

The revolutionaries relied on 17 garrisons to revolt, but the hastiness of Captain Galan at Jaca upset the whole movement.

Ugly Incidents.

Madrid, Yesterday.

Steady progress towards normality is reported throughout Spain. A proclamation in Madrid orders all arms to be surrendered. The Province of Aljcante produced the most serious incidents, and several small towns for some time.—Reuter.

WIDOWS' & ORPHANS' PENSIONS.

Contributions of Civil Servants.

BASIS REVISED.

In the Government Gazette is published the draft of a Bill to amend the Widows and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

The objects and reasons state:—

In view of the recent revision of salaries it has been considered desirable that the minimum annual salary rendering an officer liable or eligible for contribution to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme should be raised from four hundred and twenty to four hundred and eighty dollars, without prejudice to contributors prior to the revision whose revised salary has not reached the latter amount. Officers who are contributing to another approved scheme can claim exemption under section 3A of the principal Ordinance (No. 15 of 1908) which was introduced by the amending Ordinance No. 9 of 1929.

It is considered that such officers should be permitted to claim exemption if they have completed their contributions to an approved scheme and obtained what amounts to a fully paid policy thereunder. The provisos added to section 3 (1) of the principal Ordinance by section 2 (2) of this Ordinance are derived from the Uganda Ordinance.

These provisos exclude Governors, their Private Secretaries and Aides-de-Camp and persons who have attained the age of forty-nine from being required to commence contributing under the principal Ordinance. Section 5 deletes the references to the Fund constituted under the Ordinance of 1900 and the transfer thereof to the Government. As the Ordinance stands in the 1924 Revision the long title and preamble are incorrect.

WAGES DISPUTE.

COMPANIES AND UNIONS FAIL TO AGREE.

London, Yesterday.

The Central Wages Board have considered the proposals of the railway companies and Trade Unions, but no agreement has been reached. The claims will now probably be submitted to the National Wages Board in mid January.—Reuter.

Whilst out for a walk in Seymour Road yesterday, a Chinese woman named Leung Ng-luen, of 39, Seymour Road had her hand bag, which contained $95 in money stolen from her. The man escaped.

ADULT SUFFRAGE IN INDIA.

Natives Only Chance to Voice Opinions.

RURAL PROBLEMS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Sub-Committee of the Indian Round Table Conference appointed to deal with franchise questions held its first meeting this afternoon, the Attorney General, Sir William Jowitt, presiding. The procedure adopted in connection with other Sub-Committees was followed and the list of possible heads of discussion was before the members. The discussion, however, was of a general character to-day and ranged over a wide field. It did not touch upon questions of minorities, communal electorates, or special interests, for the Chairman had pointed out that these subjects must be treated as within the special sphere of the minorities Sub-committee. The views were expressed on the practicability of the introduction of adult suffrage into India in the present circumstances; for example, the difficulties due to illiteracy, poverty, and lack of communications, together with the practical difficulty of any increase in the number of separate constitutions, from the point of view of the size of Legislative Councils. Some members urged the desirability of increasing the representation of rural areas and mentioned the possibility of indirect elective systems for village communities. The general discussion had not concluded when the meeting ended. It will continue on Monday.

Farewell Dinner.

Hopes are entertained that the Indian Round Table Conference may be able to conclude its work by the middle of next month. The British India delegation, as mark of their appreciation of the kindness and hospitability extended to them, are arranging to entertain at a dinner the British Government and other political and social leaders on December 18, which they hope will be the eve of their departure for India.

The Federal structure Sub-Committee entered upon a detailed consideration of the subjects and functions not already classified as federal and regarding which control is exercised and may be retained by the centre in future. It was decided to appoint a sub-committee to consider the lists or subjects referred to and to suggest a provisional division into three categories, firstly, exclusively central; secondly, exclusively provincial; thirdly, subjects in which the centre and provinces are both interested and which, therefore, might be subject to co-ordination.—British Wireless Service.

DRIZZLE AND FOG.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

A heavy cyclone appears to remain central over South Mongolia. Moderate monsoon along the South coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Forecast: N.E. winds; moderate; generally overcast, drizzle, fog.

PRINCE'S CHILL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It was stated at York House this morning that the Prince of Wales has had a very good night, and that he could not be doing better.

The chill from which he is suffering is taking its normal course. The Prince is sleeping very well. —British Wireless Service.

STUDENTS' RIOT.

New York, Yesterday.

A message from Buenos Aires states that 800 students have been arrested, following a riot.

The students have declared an eight-day strike as a protest against the Government's alleged interference with University affair. —Reuter's American Service.

The Weavers' Amalgamation is co-operating with the Lancashire Cotton Corporation in an experimental introduction of automatic looms to reduce production costs.

SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Gathering of Pupils of Peak School.

REPORT OF MISTRESS.

A large gathering of parents and friends was present in the Peak Club last night, for the annual prize-giving of the Peak School. The reading of the report and the prize-giving were preceded by a short concert. An especially pleasing item on the programme was "Pied Piper" in which all the pupils took part.

Immediately following the concert, Mr. G. P. de Martin, M.B.E. read the report and Mrs. G. P. de Martin presented the prizes.

The report is as follows:—

Staff.

Miss Newsholme, Acting Head Mistress, returned to Ellis Kadoorie School on March 1, Mrs. Stark having returned from leave.

On April 30, Miss Buckwell went on leave.

In September, Miss Anderson was transferred to Central British School. Mrs. Mackintosh was then appointed temporary Assistant Mistress, in the Peak School.

Attendance.

School opened on January 6 with 63 pupils and closed on December 19 with 61 pupils. The attendance was fairly well maintained throughout the Spring and Summer terms, but fell away during the Christmas term, when we had three cases of mumps.

Numbers of children were kept at home for six weeks to avoid infection. Attendance and work suffered greatly as result.

We closed school on July 11, instead of July 18, due to illness on the staff. The School, in consequence re-opened a week earlier on September 8.

Health.

The School was visited regularly by Dr. Minett and parents informed of tonsils, teeth, etc., requiring attention. Other cases, where exercises would be beneficial, were treated in School by Miss Jaques.

In the Summer term we had one case of trachoma and in the Christmas term, three cases of mumps. Otherwise the health of the school was satisfactory.

Work.

During the year, the Inspector of Schools and the Director of Education came and inspected us. The usual end of Term Examinations was held and the results were very satisfactory.

Reports of children, who had gone from us to schools at Home were also most satisfactory.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Staff for their willing and able assistance throughout the year.

PRIZE LIST.

Class X.—Marion Bloomfield, June Ralston, Ann Sellars, Jean Whyte-Smith, Monique Cuvillier, Margaret Stewart, Marygold Sorby, Pamela Shaw, Phyllis Oliver, Elspeth Forster, Elizabeth Benfield, Isobel Butters, Gillian Hutson, Ruth Tappan, Jean Weight, Leslie Womack, Bill Adams, Robin Shaw, Neville Mills, Ian Nicol, Morris Langston.

Class IX.

Division I.—1st Prize, Helen Sanger and Honours Preparatory Drawing Certificate; 2nd Prize, Jim Stewart; 3rd Prize, Hugh Cassidy.

Division II.—1st Prize, Joan Ross;

Class VIII.

Division I.—1st Prize, Barbara Kerrich, and Honours Preparatory Drawing Certificate; 2nd Prize, Alison Kinghorn; Prize for General Improvement, Heather Shields.

Division II.—1st Prize, Catherine Whyte-Smith, and Preparatory Drawing Certificate; 2nd Prize, Erica de Rome, and Preparatory Drawing Certificate; Drawing Prize, Joan Thoroughgood, and Preparatory Drawing Certificate; Preparatory Drawing Certificates: Ian Mackichan, Lesley Ramage, Daphne Parker-Rees, Betty Richards.

Class VII.

Division I. (Boys).—1st Prize, Richard Kerrich; 2nd Prize, Derek Scull.

Division II. (Girls).—1st Prize, Anne Forster, and Preparatory Drawing Certificate; 2nd Prize, Charlotte Sanger, and Honours Preparatory Drawing Certificate, and Division I. Drawing Certificate; Preparatory Drawing Certificate, Donald Wallace.

After the prize-giving, Mr. de Martin thanked Mrs. Stark, the head mistress, for asking his wife to present the prizes, and said how deeply she appreciated the honour. Concluding, he wished all the pupils a happy Christmas.

Mrs. de Martin received a bouquet of flowers, followed by three hearty cheers.

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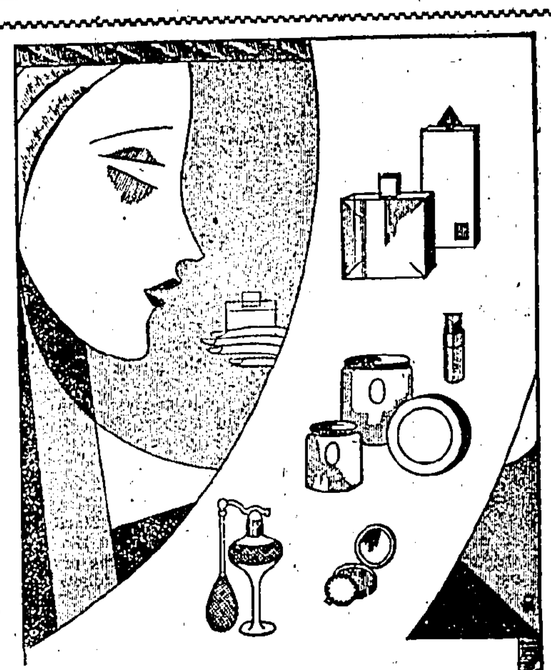

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WINTER MALADY.

CURES FOR CHILBLAIN SUFFERERS.

SOME HINTS.

Medical dictionaries tell us that chilblains are caused by "underfeeding, poor clothing, and a strumous constitution," yet there are many well-fed, sensibly-clothed, apparently robust young people who are their victims. Some doctors think that the condition is due to a lack of calcium in the blood; others assert that everything should be done to encourage better circulation. They prescribe garments that do not restrict, wool next the skin, loosely-fitting thick-soled shoes, woollen stockings, frequent tepid baths, an iron tonic, and possibly cod-liver oil and malt.

When the sufferer has given these prescriptions a fair trial and is still uncomfortably aware that chilblains have not lost their power to make life wretched, then the following hints might be put into use.

One of the best remedies for taking the itch out of chilblained hands or feet is to soak the afflicted members in a basin containing a mixture of extremely hot water—as hot as can be borne—and a handful of mustard. Repeated soakings will gradually effect a complete cure. It is a mistake to wear woollen gloves over chilblained fingers. The finest wool irritates tender, inflamed skin, but an excellent preventive and cure is to wear a pair of old, soft washleather gloves inside a pair of woollen gloves. There is no doubt that natural warmth is the enemy of chilblains, and if mothers would buy early in the Autumn for their children who are subject to this tiresome malady a pair of fur-backed gloves, they would go far towards minimising the evil.

Children who suffer with chilblains should be encouraged to skip, swim, and dance. These are all splendid ways of inducing a good circulation and a state of general physicial fitness. They should also be induced to eat fat. If they find the fat of bacon or meat nauseating, then they should be given more than their fair share of cream and butter. Children who are liable to chilblains should never be allowed to warm their fingers and toes at the fire; if those members are cold they should be rubbed so that the good circulation is restored gradually.

It is common knowledge that Arctic explorers find relief from chilblains in the unbroken stage by applying to them a soothing mixture of whisky and soap. If the chilblains will not respond to any treatment, but run their course and break, then the best thing to do is to dress them with some such healing ointment as boracic, and try to ensure against repetition of such a sad state of affairs by making a determined effort to discover their primary cause and try to kill the mischief at its source.—M.M. in the Manchester Guardian.

Christmas Eve

DINNER.

Orange Cocktail.
Alexandra Cream Soup.
Fish a la Hotel Cecil.
Tournedos a la Monte Carlo.
Iced Asparagus, Mayonnaise.
Roast Saddle of Lamb.
Red Currant Jelly.
Roast Turkey & Ham.
Boiled Potatoes.
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Pate de Foie Gras in Aspic.
Fillet de Boeuf Roti
Pommes Fondantes.
Roast Turkey & Ham
Boiled Potatoes.
Roast Potatoes.
French Beans.
Plum Pudding.
Orange Jelly.
Cheese.
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GENERAL NOTICES

DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

Offer of New Shares.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the 24th of December, 1930, is the last day upon which signed Forms of Acceptance or Renunciation of the offer of New Shares made to shareholders on the 23rd of September last must reach the Company's Bankers in Hong Kong (The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) accompanied by a remittance.

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1930.

NOTICE.

HABITUEES of the ST. FRANCIS HOTEL are advised, that owing to the redecoration of the Dining and Dance Rooms there will be no Tea Dances TO-DAY and TO-MORROW.

When these rooms will be opened again on SATURDAY NIGHT for Dinner Dance they will present a very charming ensemble of green and white with carpets to match.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY LIMITED
(in Voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited (in voluntary liquidation) will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, at Queen's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1930, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon at which Meeting the Liquidators will lay before the Meeting an account of their acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding up during the year following the confirmation of the Resolution for the winding up of the Company.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1930.

The United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.,
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
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(Sd.) J. P. WARREN,
Manager.
Liquidators.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD., OF DENMARK.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

Phihohong, from Amoy.
Hirata, Matsubara Hotel, from Osaka.
Losio, from Tientsin.
Schulenburg, Hong Kong Hotel, from Shanghai.
Otsuka, Matsubara Hotel, from Kobe.

F. V. JENSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, December 17, 1930.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:—

Exodus, from Penang.
P. S. Lewis Penhote, from Shanghai.

S. LACK,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, December 18, 1930.

COMPANY MEETINGS

UNION WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon on MONDAY, the 8th day of December, 1930, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions as Extraordinary Resolutions:—

1. That the Articles of Association of the Company be amended as follows:—

(a) By the insertion immediately after Article 43 of the following new Article, namely,

43 (A) The Company may by ordinary resolution cancel any shares which at the date of the passing of such resolution have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

(b) By the insertion immediately after Article 102 of the following new Articles, namely,

102a. The Company may at any time and from time to time in general meeting by resolution authorise the General Managers to capitalise any profits of the Company not required for the time being for payment of dividend upon any preference shares of the Company or other shares issued upon any special conditions, whether standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund or otherwise, and including profits arising from the appreciation in value of capital assets, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal amount, and the General Managers shall give effect to any such resolution accordingly, and any shares allotted pursuant to any such resolution shall be distributed among the members holding shares of the Company so far as practicable in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively, and shall be credited as fully paid by means of the profits so capitalised and the General Managers may make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by the payment of cash or by sale and distribution of the proceeds or otherwise as they may think expedient for the case of fractions. The General Managers may appoint any person on behalf of the members to enter into any agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them of such shares credited as fully paid up, and in satisfaction as aforesaid and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

102b. The General Managers may, with the sanction of the Company in General Meeting, declare a dividend to be paid to the members according to their rights and interests in the profits, and may fix the time for payment and may with the like sanction declare and pay a dividend or bonus out of any reserve fund and fix the time for payment thereof and may with the like sanction declare and pay bonuses to the Company's employees or any of them.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same time and place on TUESDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1930, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on TUESDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1930, at 11.05 o'clock in the Forenoon or so soon thereafter as the above meeting shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Company do hereby cancel all shares (namely, 22277 shares numbered 27724 to 50000), which at the date hereof have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and do hereby diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.
2. That the Capital of the Company be increased from its diminished capital of $194,061.00 Hong Kong Currency divided into 27,723 shares of $7.00 each to $500,010 Hong Kong Currency divided into 71,430 shares of $7.00 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company.
3. That the General Managers be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of $77,630 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of January, 1931, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of two shares for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of January, 1931.
4. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share the General Managers shall in lieu of issuing fractional certificates cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the General Managers and such share may at such time as the General Managers think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share.
5. That the General Managers be and they are hereby authorised out of the profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds to pay to the members holding the 27723 existing shares of the Company as on the 1st day of January, 1931, a sum equal to $6.00 for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively by way of a bonus dividend out of the profits of the Company.

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Mrs. Clynes' contribution is vigorous and refreshing.

"Marriage," she says, "would be a happier state were we to discard most of the inaccurate, unreasoning, and unnecessary theories which we build up round it. People are made afraid to face realities by endless discussion of 'adjusting one's personality' and the 'psychology of marriage'—and we quite lose sight of the fact that marriage is a practical contract."

Again, "I am of the opinion that we should be brought up from our childhood to regard it as normal and natural that two people should decide to share their lives and live for one another." And yet again, "the framework of happiness in married life is constructed upon confidence—mutual trust that in itself is one of the most superb fruits of love."

Something of the early circumstances in which Mrs. Clynes' marriage flourished is reflected in this:—

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Mr. Clynes was then earning thirty shillings a week, and Mrs. Clynes was "Exceedingly happy."

Falling in Love.

Lady D'Abernon believes that "the majority of marriages in which the advice of parents or wise friends has been taken, where their opinions have been consulted, and in which there has been friendship and liking between the young people rather than the driving and very wearing emotion that they call falling in love,' are on an average happier than those in which a boy or girl merely follows an impulse or violent inclination."

She thinks that "one of the secrets of happy marriage lies in a higher and a more deliberate standard of choice on the part of the woman," and that "no marriage has ever failed or succeeded but that this failure or success has been mainly engineered by the wife."

Mrs. Inge's mother said to her on the morning of her wedding day:

"To-day, God is putting into your hands the life of a good and great man and it will be in your power to make or mar his life. Do your utmost to help him in every way you can.

This was the path she followed, sharing, above all, his intellectual interests. She concludes:

"The wife who cannot accept or even demand a consideration equal to that which she gives . . . jeopardises gravely the love that the give-and-take of marriage should stimulate and develop."

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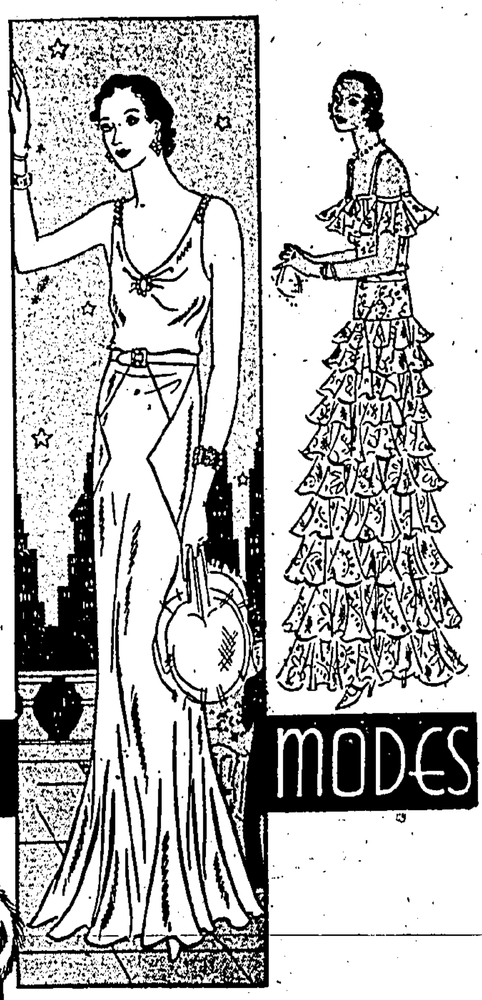

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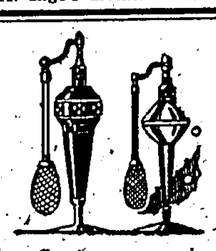

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The decision to carry out this "boycut", as one young blonde put it, has followed the refusal of the club to grant an interview to three of Ashington's most attractive girls who wish to put to the committee the following three questions.—

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How many among you can say that you kept every appointment with your lady friends?

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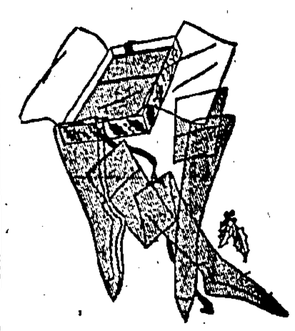

Always a favoured gift the new hosiery includes all the latest shades accepted for Winter.

The girls so far have not been able to come to grips with the men, but they hint darkly that there are such things as spinsters' clubs.

"If they do not intend to take any risks, as they say, neither do we," declared one indignant damsel of the delegation.

"There is not one among twenty of these disgruntled young men who has the will-power to resist women. Clearly, such men are dangerous and ought to be left severely alone.

"We will teach them a lesson yet," she added.

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The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
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Iroquois—East Wall.
Marazion—In dock.
Medway—North arm.
Sandwich—No. 6 buoy.
Seamew—In dock.
Sepoy—South wall.
Seraph—No. 8 buoy.
Sirdar—No. 10 buoy.
Sterling—No. 11 buoy.
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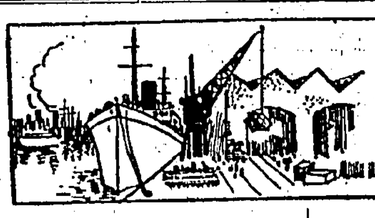


Shipping Intelligence.

NEW MOTOR-LINER LAUNCHED.

Features of the Worcestershire.

In mail week Mr. Harold Bibby christened the Bibby Line's new motor-ship Worcestershire, when she was launched by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd. This ship is the fourth motor-liner which these builders have turned out since the War for the Bibby Line's India and Burma service. While not a duplicate of her predecessors, the new ship closely resembles them in her main features.

The principal dimensions of the Worcestershire are:—Length, overall, 502 ft.; breadth, moulded, 64 ft.; depth, moulded, 36 ft. 6 in. to upper deck. The vessel is of the poop, bridge and forecastle type, with cruiser stern and straight stem, and is built to Lloyd's 100 A.1. Class "Full Scantling Vessel," rigged as a fore and aft schooner with four raking pole masts and a single funnel amidships in keeping with the usual practice of the Bibby Line.

When complete the vessel will be engaged in the Eastern trade, calling at various ports on route with passengers and cargo, etc., to India and Burma. The accommodation, which is for first-class passengers only, is disposed on the four upper decks amidships, principally in deckhouses, giving the maximum light and air, arranged for one, two and three berth rooms, there being a large number of one and two berth rooms. Staterooms are arranged on the Bibby cabin principle with cot berths throughout the accommodation. A washbasin with fresh water laid on is fitted in all staterooms. A large room is reserved for nurses, and a room for ayahs.

Public Rooms.

The public rooms—which consist of a drawing room, lounge, verandah and smoke room—are large and airy apartments situated on the top decks, while the dining saloon is in the bridge house forward.

The drawing room is a handsome painted apartment in the Adam period, fitted with an electric fireplace, grand piano and furniture to harmonise. The lounge is a spacious room, decorated in the Georgian style, with grand piano and furniture to harmonise, and having walls of polished mahogany with dull gold ornamentations, while the smoke room is panelled and furnished in oak of Jacobean design, access to the verandah is through aft end of the smoke room. Suitable offices are provided in the vicinity of the public rooms.

The verandah is open at the aft end and is fitted with an ornamental teak ballustrade, with furniture of teak of a suitable design, and large windows give a clear view over the ship's sides. The dinning saloon, of Jacobean design, is panelled in polished oak, with oak beams and white panelled ceiling. Seating accommodation is provided for the full complement of passengers at one sitting.

Large open spaces are provided for promonading, dancing, and deck games, including deck tennis, etc., and skittle alleys, specially arranged in the forward well. A suitably appointed barber's shop is conveniently situated amidships on bridge deck, and a surgery with up-to-date equipment is fitted adjacent to doctor's room. For the convenience of passengers, a large laundry fully equipped with the latest machinery is situated on promenade deck aft. The passengers', officers' and crews' accommodation is ventilated by an arrangement of electric supply and exhaust fans, also by natural ventilation. Numerous electric flall fans are fitted in all public rooms, also a cabin fan to each stateroom. A system of steam and electric heating for the public rooms, staterooms and crew's accommodation is installed.

Adjacent to the dining saloon are the kitchen, pantries, bar, baker's and butcher's shops, etc., fitted with electrical and coal fired cooking appliances of the latest type. Refrigerated cargo chambers are situated on lower deck aft and well equipped refrigerated shore rooms are installed amidships on middle deck for ship's use. The refrigerating machinery at forward end of shaft tunnel is electrically driven, and of large capacity to easily maintain the refrigerated cargo chambers and store rooms at the requisite temperature.

CUNARD'S NEW VESSELS.

Agreement with Government.

Details of the Government contract with the Cunard Steam Ship Company for the insurance of its two new vessels were published on November 4, £9,000,000 is required to insure the vessels, arrangements for the building of which have been made.

A White Paper issued by the Board of Trade in explanation of the Government's plan to participate in the insurances of the two new giant Cunard liners gives, for the first time, authentic information as to the probable amount of insurance required. The amount is placed at £4,500,000 on each vessel.

Before the Government is to be called upon to make up any deficiency, the capacity of the open market must be exhausted, and this applies to both the building risk and to the full marine policy, says the Financial Times of November 5. The rate for the building risk is fixed at 1½ per cent., which is, presumably, to be the market rate, but the Government is to receive an additional 2½ per cent. on the premium for any proportion of the risk it may underwrite.

The rates on the marine policy are to be "reasonable," that is either rates similar to those fixed by the market for the ship or rates fixed with reference to market rates for similar risks, but again the Government is to receive an additional 2½ per cent. The policies issued by the Government are to be subject to stamp duty in the ordinary way.

Market Capacity.

On the whole the terms on which the Government proposes to participate in the business appear to be acceptable to all concerned, since they offer every inducement to underwriters to cover as large amount as possible at reasonable rates while protecting the shipowners from any excessive demands brought about by a shortage of cover.

The hope is expressed in the White Paper that the market will be in a position to take a large part, if not all, of the risks in question, and since up to £4,000,000 has previously been covered on a building risk in a foreign yard, there is no reason why the risk while under construction should not be wholly covered in the market.

So far as the marine risk is concerned the largest amount previously placed on any one vessel is about £2,000,000, but it is some time before negotiations will be started with regard to the marine risk on the first of the new Cunarders, and by then if may be possible to place very much more than this amount.

Arrangements for building the first of the new liners on the Clyde have been made. The extension of the Government insurance agreement to the second vessel is made conditional on the Board being statisfied that her keel will be laid within six years of the execution of the agreement.

Establishing a Fund.

It is stated in an official memorandum that for the purpose of carrying out the agreement it is proposed to establish a Cunard insurance fund, into which receipts will be paid and out of which any claims will be met. So far as the fund may be unable to meet any such claims they will be paid to the extent of the deficiency from the Consolidated Fund.

The accounts of the fund will be audited each year by the Comptroller and Auditor-General, and will be laid before Parliament together with a copy of his report thereon. The agreement and any supplemental or other agreement with third parties necessary for giving effect to such agreement are to be exempt from stamp duty and are to be exempt from the limitation applicable to ordinary marine insurance contracts that they shall not run for more than one year. The policies issued to the company or the builder by or on behalf of the Board of Trade will attract the ordinary stamp duty, and will be subject to the ordinary law applicable to policies of their character.

STEAMER'S MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. Sirdhana left Kobe for this port on December 18 at noon, and is due here on December 21 at about 7 a.m.

SHIPBUILDING IN THE STATES.

The Cost of Future Construction.

That more than 40,000 workmen are employed in American shipyards and allied industries on orders embraced in the 1930 shipbuilding programme, which involves an expenditure of $75,000,000, is shown in a report forwarded to President Hoover by the National Council of American Shipbuilders. Activity of the industry in the United States, the report points out, is in marked contrast to the dearth of employment and the low ebb of activity in shipbuilding abroad.

Most of the work now under way, it is added, is the result of the Merchant Marine Act of 1928. With the vessels now being built and others to be built under the Act and the miscellaneous vessels and small craft that are certain to be built definite assurance is seen that the present shipbuilding activity will continue at least until the end of 1934.

The 40,000 workmen mentioned, according to a statement by Mr. H. Gerrish Smith, president of the Council, will receive for their services during the present year a total of $60,000,000, or 80 per cent. of the annual expenditure for merchant ship construction. One-half of this large percentage, of $30,000,000, will be expended on labour within the shipyards, the other half, or $30,000,000, on labour necessary to provide materials and equipment purchased by the shipbuilders.

Division of Cost.

Only about 10 per cent. of the total cost of a vessel, Mr. Smith states, is represented by the intrinsic value of the raw materials in the mines, forests, and fields. The remaining 10 per cent. covers the cost of insurance, taxes, transportation, and miscellaneous items. These totals, the report reads, show a countrywide application both of employment and investment, in that each of the forty-eight States is producing at least three of the major items used in the construction, operation, or maintenance of a vessel.

The report, it is stated, was compiled as a concrete refutation to vague rumours from both foreign and domestic sources that the passing of the last several months had brought a cessation of activity in home shipbuilding and consequent unemployment.

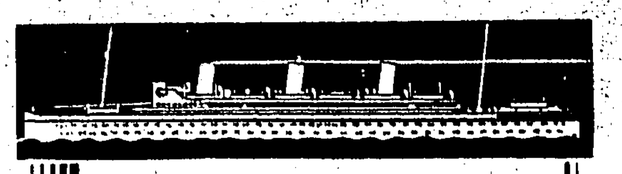
"By reason of the mail pay and construction loan fund provisions of the Act," says the report, "contracts of the value of approximately $140,000,000 of the construction of merchant vessels for foreign trade have been executed and it is anticipated that additional contracts will be made of the value of $135,000,000, which will mean an expenditure of $275,000,000 during a five-year period from January 1, 1930, or $55,000,000 during 1930 and each of the four years thereafter.

"To this should be added contracts of the value of approximately $20,000,000 per annum for miscellaneous small craft, which will result in an annual expenditure of not less than $75,000,000. This programme of shipbuilding does not include the replacement of our present fleet of cargo vessels which are rapidly becoming obsolete.

Many States Participate.

"Every State of the Union contains industries which produce materials and equipment used in shipbuilding, and therefore not only the States containing shipyards but all the States are benefited by shipbuilding. Inasmuch as 80 per cent. of the cost of a vessel is expended in industries outside of the shipyard and each State contains essential shipbuilding industries, it is evident that workmen in every section of the country are benefiting by the annual $75,000,000 shipbuilding programme of this country."

The report concludes with a chart showing the States in which shipyards are located; 22 are seaboard States, six great river States, and five Great Lakes States, and it is pointed out that these 33 States represent 88 per cent. of the country's population.



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*LAHORE	5,304	27th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
		1931.	
RANCHI	16,650	3rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	4th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*JEYPORE	5,318	10th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KASHMIR	8,085	17th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
COMORIN	15,182	31st Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*PERIM	7,048	7th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KASHGAR	9,005	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.

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		1930	
SIRDHANA	7,745	25th Dec. 3 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
		1931.	
TILAWA	10,000	7th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALAMBA	8,018	16th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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		1931	
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NELLORE	6,853	31st Jan.	
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		1930	
TALAMBA	8,018	28th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
		1931.	
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
COMORIN	15,132	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TALMA	10,000	12th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIVA	9,135	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MALWA	10,980	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	6th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
KHYBER	9,114	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	—	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.

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"SHOCKING TIMES."

LORD WEMYSS ON THE OUTLOOK OF SHIPPING.

Lord Wemyss (chairman), presiding at the annual meeting of the London-American Maritime Trading Co., Ltd., in mail week, said shipping and other industries were passing through "shocking times," Shipping had never been down to such a low level. He expressed a sincere hope that things would soon improve, but it would be too sanguine to hope the change would arrive rapidly.

The net profits of their associates, the Thompson Steamshipping Co., Ltd., for the year amounted to £17,496 (a decrease of £13,849 as compared with the previous year's net profits), and this, with the balance brought forward the total up to £19,901. The dividend on the preference capital had been paid, and the directors recommended that a dividend of five per cent. free of tax be paid on the ordinary capital, and that £10,000 be written off the book value of the steamers, which left a balance of £3,601 to be carried forward.

The London-American Maritime Trading Co., Ltd., received as its share of the dividend on the ordinary capital £4,841. That, with the £4,067 War Risk refund and the preference dividend shown in the London-American Maritime Trading Co., Ltd., profit and loss account enabled the company to pay a dividend of 2½ per cent. on the ordinary capital, as well as the dividend on the preference capital.

The company's profits he said, showed a considerable diminution, but compared very favourably with other companies. The final six months had been exceptionally difficult. Working expenses had decreased but one item, insurance, showed a slight increase, notwithstanding the fact that the company's vessels had run free from serious accident. The vessels, after deduction of the reserve and the £10,000 recommended, stood at £3 7s. per ton, with an average age of six years and seven months.

A shareholder congratulated the company on showing such good results in such very difficult times. It was quite a record in the history of the company, and showed how well it was managed.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, Dec. 18.

Kashmir, British str., 5,554 tons, Capt. R. Mallalue, R.N.R., from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Trave, German m.s., 4,890 tons, Capt. E. von Dieck, from Foochow, Kowloon Wharf.—Melchers & Co.

Friday, Dec. 19.

Bellingham, American str., 3,927 tons, Capt. W. R. Brust, from Manila, North Point, A.P.C. Wharf.—States S.S. Co.

Hai Hing, Norwegian str., 1,445 tons, Capt. O. S. Olsen, from Hoihow, buoy No. C14.—Thoresen & Co.

Halvard, British str., 1,214 tons, Capt. J. R. Reddoch, from Saigon, buoy No. B19.—Wo Fat Shing.

Hamburg Maru, Japanese str., 5,220 tons, Capt. C. Iwasa, from Karatsu, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Kaiyan, British str., 5,679 tons, Capt. C. P. Cooper, R.N.R., from Yokohama, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

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TAIPING	January 14th	January 30th	January 23rd	February 8th
CHANGTE	February 17th	February 24th	February 27th	March 12th
TAIPING	March 17th	March 24th	March 27th	April 12th

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 20th December, 1930, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 27th December, 1930, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd January, 1931, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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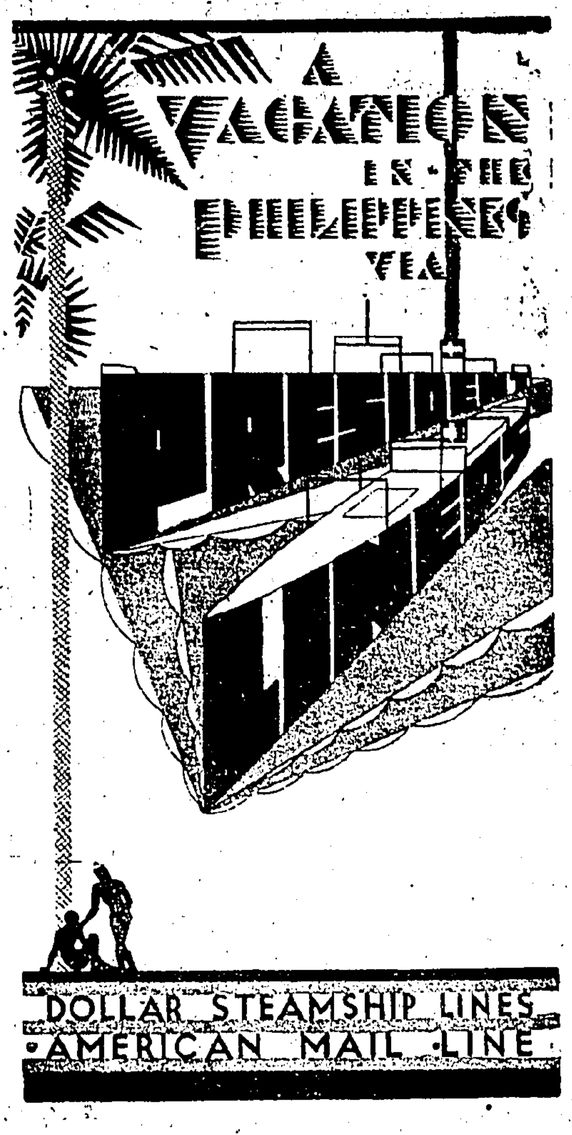
December 20 to 26, 1930.

Date	High Water		Lower Water	
Dec.	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
Sat. 20	m 11 20	4.4	m 4 9	0.9
	9 6 a	8.9	2 35 a	3.7
Sun. 21	0 12 a	4.3	m 4 50	0.8
	9 37 a	8.0	3 8 a	3.8
Mon. 22	1 0 a	4.2	m 5 31	0.8
	10 10 a	7.9	3 44 a	3.8
Tues. 23	1 47 a	4.1	m 6 13	1.0
	10 44 a	7.6	4 17 a	3.9
Wed. 24	2 35 a	4.2	m 6 55	1.1
	11 0 a	7.2	4 52 a	4.0
Thurs 25	3 26 a	4.3	m 7 35	1.5
	11 54 a	6.7	5 25 a	4.2
Fri. 26	No inferior	H.	m 8 22	1.8
			nor Low	W.

After a window of the Premier's residence, 10, Downing Street, had been broken with a brick, Lewis Colville Miller, aged 60, was charged with wilful damage.

Mr. Geoffrey le M. Mander, Liberal M.P. for East Wolverhampton, and Miss Rosalie Glynn Grylls, prospective Liberal candidate for Reading, were married in the Crypt Chapel of the House of Commons.



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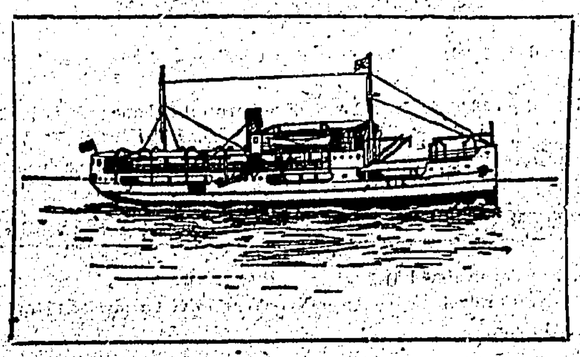

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VOLUNTEER CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

MACHINE GUN CONTEST.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are as under:—

PARADES.

Corps Band.

There will be no Band practice until further orders.

Battery.

There will be no parades until January 8 unless specially ordered.

Engineer Company.

Mon, December 22, Miniature Range shoot at 5.30 p.m.

Corps Signals.

There will be no further parades until Thursday, January 8.

Machine Gun Troop.

There will be no further parades until Thursday, January 8.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—Parades on Monday, December 22 as ordered by O.C.

Motor Cycle Section.—There will be a parade at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. on Monday, December 22 for Machine Gun instruction.

Machine Gun Company.

There will be no parades until after Christmas holidays.

Scottish Company.

No parades until further orders.

Portuguese Company.

No parades until January 2.

Parades at Headquarters.

No parades will be held at Headquarters from Wednesday, December 24 to Friday, January 2.

Rifles & Bayonets.

All Rifles and Bayonets will be returned to Store before 24th inst.

Board of Survey.

A Board of Survey composed as under will assemble at Corps Headquarters on a date and at an hour to be chosen by The President for the purpose of checking stores under terms of General Order 371 (A)

President—Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

Member — Captain A. M. Thornhill.

Machine Gun Course Part II.

The following obtained over 200 points in Part II Machine Gun Course at Stonecutters on November 16 and December 16:—

L/Cpl. A. N. Braude, 225 points.
Pte. D. C. Brodie, 201 points.
Pte. E. A. Walter, 206 points.

Machine Gun Competition.

The following are the results of the Machine Gun Competition which was decided at Fanling during the Annual Camp:—

1st Motor Cycle Section—266 points.

2nd Machine Gun Company, D. Section—255 points.

3rd Machine Gun Company, A. Section—253 points.

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6th Scottish Company, No. 6 Platoon—215 points.

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8th Scottish Company, No. 7 Platoon—181 points.

9th Machine Gun Company, C. Section—168 points.

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Tactical Exercise.

A Tactical Exercise including Field Firing will be held at Fanling on Sunday, January 25.

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Full details will be issued later.

Transfer.

No. 1409 Pte. M. M. Gutierrez, No. 9 Platoon, is transferred to Corps Band as from 11.12.30.

No. 1247 Pte. W. N. Matchim, No. 6 Platoon, is transferred to Reserve Company as from 19.12.30.

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"ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT."

OWEN DAVIS JUN.

Owen is "on his own" from now on. Owen is Owen Davis, jun., who has one of the featured roles in "All Quiet on the Western Front," Universal's picturisation of Erich Maria Remarque's sensational book, which is showing in the Queen's Theatre.

Davis is the son of one of America's most successful playwrights. Before he was twenty his father wrote two plays especially for him in which he starred in New York. Before that his father sent him to Yale where he spent two years in the dramatic classes of Professor Baker.

Now Owen declares he is "on his own" because he does not wish to shine in the reflected fame of his father.

"As soon as I am introduced to any one they say "Oh, yes, you are Owen's boy Owen," says young Davis. "I'm too proud of the fact that I bear my father's name to change it, but I want to succeed by myself. I've set a goal for myself and that is to top my dad. I may never be able to do it, but it's something to shoot at."

In "All Quiet On The Western Front," Davis has the role of "Peter," one of Remarque's seven school-boy soldiers. Davis appeared in New York in "Carry On" and "To-night At Twelve," which was produced by Universal as a talking picture. His first stage appearance was in "The Barker." In pictures his most important role prior to "All Quiet" was the juvenile in "They Had To See Paris."

DANCING DIRECTORS.

Dance directors are playing a more and more prominent role in the new era of audible pictures which are winning such high favour with screen fans.

Not only are the experts in terpsichore called upon to originate and stage elaborate ensemble members, designed to compete with the best Broadway has to offer, but they also are responsible for staging song numbers in which individuals appear.

Danny Dare, one of the more successful Broadway dance directors who has been lured to Hollywood, gets the credit for staging the highly ludicrous comedy song number "Nothing's Gonna Hold Us Down" as sung and danced by Inez Courtney and George "Red" Corcoran in all talking Movietone romance, coming on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre.

Lois Moran and Walter Byron have the featured roles in this talkie, directed by Chandler Sprague.

"INNOCENTS OF PARIS."

When Maurice Chevalier, soldier of France, and lion of the continental stage, came marching into the silver sheet in the Central Theatre last night he gave his audience a great big thrill, and kept them enthralled every moment that his spirited voice and body were before them. For with Chevalier it is not alone the animation of vocal tone which "gets" people, young and small—but it is also that temperamental language of the hands, the face, the feet. With Chevalier it is the man's artistry that calls for a more elaborate definition. It is genius born of inspiration.

In his current movie, "Innocents of Paris," in the Central Theatre, Chevalier plays the part of a happy-go-lucky push-cart singer of the Flea Market district of Paris. He gets a chance to go on the stage with his songs and pantomime, and the plot affords him every opportunity to present the gorgeous values of his full repertoire of songs—lyrics and ballads which have established him in actual life as the reigning king of entertainment in Europe.

The picture is all-talking, and it might be added, all-Chevalier—but the work of his supporting cast is none the less adequate and pleasing. Sylvia Beecher, a beautiful young actress recruited from the stage, is the purveyor of the love interest with M. Chevalier.

"CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD."

By far the most elaborate production yet attempted in all sound, Universal's dramatic musical spectacle "Captain of the Guard," coming to the Central Theatre and starring Laura La Plante and John Boles, was made in spite of a multitude of difficulties which unavoidably entered into such an ambitious undertaking further complicated by the necessity of reproducing on the talking screen the flaming drama of the French Revolution.

When Director John S. Robertson, who has filmed many picture successes, was given the picturesquely romantic, intensely dramatic Houston Branch story of the birth of the "Marseillaise" hymn to create for the screen, he faced a monumental task. For it was the assignment to encompass at the same time in sound and picture a great love story and the most spectacular period of French history.

Great mobs of extras, forming the opposing armies of the Royalists' guards and the Revolutionary troops and numbering as many as 10,000 players at one time, had not only to be photographed against the background of vivid drama, but their battles, the crackle of their muskets, the booming of their cannon, their mighty sweep to victory singing the great song which had just been born to them—all had to be perfectly recorded in sound.

As many as sixteen cameras, each with its sound outfit, were used at one time to record the terrific struggle in front of the garrison, taking in the entire battle from every angle in the one shot. Forty assistants bawled orders to the various regiments and detachments, all of whom were governed from the radio control platform where Director Robertson controlled his armies by microphone and signal flags.

A battlefield of many acres had been prepared, to every corner of which went signal lights controlled by the radio panel operated by Robertson's fingers. A signal to his army brought it marching forth, and a signal to that caused it to fall back in retreat. Another signal brought the revolutionary reinforcements surging forward, to carry everything before them as they sang the immortal song which, unknowing its destiny, had been written by Rouget, played by John Boles, captain of the King's guards.

In the more intimate scenes, where Rouget sing the beautiful love songs especially written by Charles Wakefield Cadman and Rex Roehmeld to Marie, who later became the "Torch" to lead the revolutionists on, great care was taken to reproduce Boles's magnificent voice in absolute perfection, particularly in the scene where he composes, and at the same time sings, the Marseillaise itself.

Perhaps the most difficult sequence of the entire picture was that in which Miss La Plante, as "The Torch," is rescued from her dungeon by the mob who storms the arsenal, batters down the doors, and with lighted torches in their hands bring her out on their shoulders.

Every soldier in both armies at all times had to wear, besides the uniform of the period or the costume of the French peasantry, a wig and other special make-up. A corps of make-up experts was necessary, therefore, to make-up all the thousands of players every morning before shooting began, each make-up being a work of art in itself to stimulate the blood and wounds of the fighting.

Besides Miss La Plante and Boles, such screen favourites as Sam de Grasse, Lionel Belmore, James Marcus, Stuart Holmes, Evelyn Hall, Claude Fleming, George Hackathorne, and many others play principal parts.

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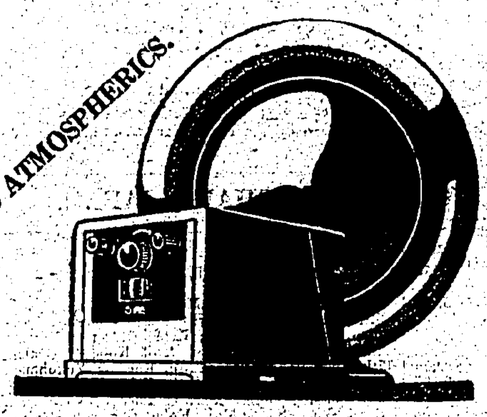

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Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Ordination Service, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Victoria.
Evensong, 6 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.

SPECIAL NOTICES:

CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES.

Tuesday, December 23.

5.45 p.m.—Organ Recital and Christmas Carols.

Christmas Eve, December 24.
5.30 p.m.—Choral Evensong.
Christmas Day.
7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
12.15 p.m.—Holy Communion.
St. Stephen's Day, December 26.
10.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
St. John-the-Evangelist's Day, December 27, Patronal Festival.
7.45 a.m.—Holy Communion.
5.30 p.m.—Choral Evensong.
9.15 p.m.—Social Gathering in Cathedral Hall.

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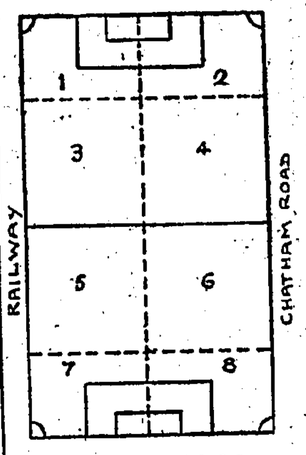

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Ellesmere,
On the Quarter Deck,
H.M. Grenadier Guards (744).
7.35-8.10 p.m.—Musical Comedies.
Chu Chin Chow—Vocal Gems,
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Chu Chin Chow—The Cobbler's Song,
Jamieson Dodds, Baritone (659).
The Gipsy Girl,
Stanley Holt's Orchestra (9591).
Florodora—Vocal Gems,
Columbia Light Opera Co. (126).
The Desert Song—Piano Medley,
Billy Mayerl (9212).
8.10-8.35 p.m.—Organ Solos.
Four Indian Love Lyrics,
Pattman (9417).
In a Monastery Garden,
Andantino ...G. T. Pattman (9135).
Ballad Memories,
Quentin M. Macleon (135).
8.35-9 p.m.—Operatic.
Die Meistersinger,
Bruno Walter & Symphony Orchestra (86).
Carmen—The Toreador Song,
Tannhauser—O Star of Eve,
Harold Williams and the B.B.C. Chorus (9873).
Barber of Seville—I'm the Factetum of the Town,
Denis Noble, Baritone (9556).
9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.
9.05-9.30 p.m.—Variety.
Band—
Stein Song,
The National Military Band (177).
Ukulele Solo—
Singing a Song to the Stars,
Ukulele Ike (280).
Humorous Song—
The Railway Guard,
Will Fyffe (188).
Piano Medley—
Sons o' Guns ...Billy Meyerl (188).
Song—
The Strolling Yodler,
Harry Robinson (7029).
Duet—
Layton & Johnstone Medley,
Layton & Johnstone (9131).
9.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Programme.
Fox Trot—
March of the Grenadiers,
My Love Parade,
The Rhythmic Troubadours (65).
Fox Trot—
What a Perfect Night for Love,
Without My Gal,
Van Phillips and His Band (146).
One Step—
We've Got to Carry On,
Waltz—
You'll Never Realise,
The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra (152).
Comedians—
I Don't Want to go Home,
I've Got a Feeling,
The Two Gilberts (97).
Fox Trot—
Nippy—Two of Everything,
Nippy—It Must be You,
Van Phillips and His Band (150).
Slow Fox Trot—
He's My Sweet Passion,
One Step—
Let's Go Native,
The Four Bright Sparks (134).
Fox Trot—
A Slave to Love,
Waltz—
The Same as We Used to be,
Buckingham String Players (147).
Variety Novelty—
Hunting Tigers out in India,
Waltz—
Day by Day,
B.B.C. Dance Orchestra (151).
God Save The King.
11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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ADVERSARIA.

"Without fear, favour or malice."

The Christmas Spirit.

In a few days time, dear reader, you will be masticating turkey and sausage, asborbing plum pudding with heavy-faced courage and trying to make seasonable jokes over the nuts and wine. No wonder the Christmas table was called in olden times the "groaning board," for the average modern Christmas dinner is but a light repast compared with those mediaeval guzzlings in which the maltreated insides of men were gorged with boar's heads, peacocks' tongues, "smalle foule," carcases of oxen, flagons of leathered wine and tankards of Kentish ale. To-day the Christmas dinner proper is reduced to two main courses, although cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and pate de fois gras are inserted to retrieve it from dullness. For what is this mysterious "excellence" which haloes turkey and plum pudding on Christmas Day? On any other occasion turkey is merely a species of bird, and plum pudding a variant of suet or "spotted Dick," coloured and flavoured to taste. But on this Christian day of gladness plum pudding is ennobled with all the virtues of a millionaire's kitchen; a pyre of ignited brandy is raised in its honour, and its greasy brown pate must fly a banner of red berries at all costs. Then your turkey; this stringy-necked, webb footed bi-ped that so happily waddled and gobbled around the farmyard before his neck was wrung—has he any divine qualities that he should be roasted to a luscious brown, his feet clawing the air, in belated protest, and his singed anatomy encircled with a garland of sausages? No; this is a custom that defies the deepest researches of our anthropologists, and the only one who can really benefit by it is the doctor with his familiar prescription—a dessert spoonful of castor oil.

Ode to a Proud Turkey.

Oh, monstrous bird of black and red
(So nice with onion sauce or bread)
Well I recall the haughty leer
With which you did inspire fear
Within the hearts of smalle foule—
The duck, the chicken, and the owl,
Who, in the precincts of the yard,
Bowed meekly 'neath your meady, hard
Malignant little eye.
You never thought that you would die
(For vanity oft gives the lie)
A victim to the butcher's lust,
And then be ignominiously trussed!
Who cares about your feathers now,
The fine red crystal of your brow?
The only notice you receive
Is cook's lament on Christmas Eve,
Or when "within" you lie
When curses to you are addressed
For being stubborn to digest.
And, thus the moral is, my bird,
"Be thankful that you are preferred
"To chickens, ducklings — lesser fry,
"That merely lay their eggs and die.
"No glorious bier of fat have they,
"Nor on stout sausages they lay
"To please some greedy eye.
"So should you grumble on the plate
"Remember 'tis an honoured fate
"To roasted lie in avian state
"Beside the Christmas pie."

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Christmas Out East.

Christmas in the Far East is apt to be very trying to the imagination. There is no snow, there are no waits, no scarlet berries shine upon the holly trees; the atmosphere has to be derived entirely from tradition. No wonder few people observe the day in the "good olde English style." They prefer a round of golf, with Bridge or dancing in the evening. The sad fact is that, whether at Home or abroad, Christmas is as dead as the turkey that has come to be associated with it. It belongs to an age that was contented with simple things; to which a glass of port was a luxury; a kiss under the mistletoe a romantic adventure; the pulling of crackers an excitement that sent the girls into hysterics. The present generation is too sophisticated, too critical to accept these things. They seem silly and affected. Yes, the **War killed Christmas** all right. Christmas is a back number. Santa Claus is dead. Goodbye to all that!

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A Dinner Party in the Jungle.

My first Christmas out East was my most exciting. A planter living in a bungalow on the fringe of the jungle, forty miles from Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the F.M.S., invited me to spend the occasion with him. The party arrived soon after twilight and lamps were lit in the dining room, which was decorated with festoons of paper chains, sprigs of imitation holly, and a large pine tree covered with cotton wool. Our host meant to leave nothing undone, apparently. Dinner was served and following the soup and fish courses the cook brought in the turkey amidst applause from the guests. At that moment the *tukang ayer* (water coolie) came rushing into the room, his face distorted with fear, yelling *"harimau"* at the top of his voice. Our host evidently sized up the position at once and told us to run into the next room. Whilst we waited in this room, enjoying the most unpleasant sensations imaginable, we heard a crash and a roar, followed by the report of a gun. Presently our host opened the door with a rueful grin. "I believe I got him," he said, "but he's got our Christmas dinner, I'm afraid." "He," we then learned, was a full-grown, man-eating tiger. Somehow I lost my appetite for the rest of the evening.

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Christmas Dream of 2030.

Light snowflakes drifted on to the Peak as Mr. Octavius MacNab, President of Hong Kong Municipality, made his way to the Victoria Aerodrome. Behind him rose the palatial, fourteen storey Kellet Hotel, its roof garden glittering with hundreds of coloured lights. For this was Christmas Eve and the few European residents who had not flown Home for a week's vacation were spending it in traditional manner. Mr. MacNab squeezed his ponderous body into the 'plane provided for his use by the Municipality and, pressing the electric clutch, rose silently into the air. Like a great hawk, the President glided over the immense City, with its gleaming skyscrapers and, from his aerial perch, superintended the construction of the giant bridge connecting the Island with Kowloon. With a satisfied air he turned the 'plane towards land and made a perfect landing on the roof of the International Hotel. "Merry Christmas," said the mechanic, accepting the £1 tip from the President. Mr. MacNab replied with a nod and descended the elevator into the Hotel. After an excellent dinner he fell into deep slumber and awoke with a start. Then he remembered .... He was still in the Bleak Hotel, and it was, after all, only 1930!

Christmas Ball.

Oh, must I go
To the Ball to-night?
My wife says so;
I suppose she's right.
The foxtrot's a bore,
The waltz is worse;
So let's take the floor
With many a curse,
With many a mutter,
And many a groan;
I'm certain I cut a
Poor figure with Joan.
But every one smiles
And every one guesses
How they suit the styles
Of their fancy dresses.
But I'm feeling bored
And I'm feeling lonely.
But—ah! thank the Lord—
Here's my first and my only.
Well, perhaps just one more;
What? Give it a name?
This Ball's not such a bore:
I'm glad that I came!

News in Brief.

The sailing hour for the Empress of Canada has now been advanced, and she will leave Hong Kong at 6 a.m. on December 25, instead of noon, as previously advised.

Silk forwarded from here by Empress of Japan on November 27 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on December 15, having been 19 days in transit.

Appearing before Mr. Butters in the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon Wong Loi was charged with child stealing. Another man concerned in the affair has not been arrested. After evidence judgment was reserved to Monday.

It is notified that the restrictions imposed on ships carrying rice or peanuts from Hong Kong to the Philippine Islands, notice of which appeared as Government Notification No. 8.357 of October 4, 1929, in the Government Gazette of October 4, 1929, have been removed.

What an exceptional opportunity for the ladies of Hong Kong, who are so anxious to know just what to wear for the approaching festive season, is afforded by Mme. Kees's flying visit. Father Christmas, in the form of Maison Lucile of Shanghai and Paris, decided that all the sweethearts, wives, and mothers in Hong Kong should at least have the chance of seeing the latest Paris Models at Room 302 Hong Kong Hotel.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on public and general Holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturdays, when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, subject, however, to the provisions of section 5 of the Supreme Court (Vacations) Ordinance, 1898, so far as it relates to the Criminal Sessions. The Christmas Vacation will commence on the 24th instant and terminates on January 1.

NATIONAL HERO.

PRINCELY TRIBUTE TO BOLIVAR.

ROMANTIC FIGURE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Although prevented by his indisposition from attending the centenary celebration dinner last night, of Simon Bolivar the Venezuelan liberator, the Prince of Wales sent a message, in the course of which he referred to the amazing progress, in a comparatively short period, made by the nations which are now honouring Bolivar, and added:

"Apart from the glamour which surrounds the name of this great soldier-statesman, one of the most romantic figures in history, the stories of his amazing career have at the present moment additional interest for me, in that I am hoping shortly to visit two of the five countries which acclaim him as their liberator. That I shall not be able to visit the three other Republics is not due to any lack of desire on my part, only to lack of time. I cannot hope on this occasion to enjoy their hospitality. It is my earnest hope that the future holds in store all good fortune and prosperity for these countries of Spanish America and their peoples."

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Henderson, recalled during the speech that Bolivar was assisted by large numbers of British soldiers, and that Bolivar himself ascribed a measure of his success to the ingenuity of his agent in London in collecting arms, recruits and money. He added, "The relations between His Majesty's Government and the countries which have looked to Bolivar as a national hero, have since his death continued to be of the most friendly nature."—British Wireless Service.

BOY ACQUITTED.

JUDGE AND POLICE EVIDENCE.

NOT ADMISSIBLE!

The trial of the boy Tang To-fat, on a murder charge, ended rather abruptly yesterday afternoon, the jury, after a very short absence, returning a verdict of "Not Guilty." Prisoner was accordingly discharged.

Evidence in the earlier part of the proceedings yesterday was mainly that of Police officers, as to whether a statement taken from accused were voluntarily or not.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy strongly urged that it should be put in, whereas, Mr. Hin-shing Lo, for the defence, strongly objected.

His Lordship said that he did not desire to criticise the Police, but having heard the evidence of Police witnesses, he thought that the accused had been influenced in some way.

Before the accused made the statement he had been detained for two nights in the cell and had been taken across the harbour handcuffed.

His Lordship held that under these circumstances the statement could not be allowed to go to the jury.

Mr. Lo did not call any evidence for the defence, and in his address to the jury, said the Crown case was based on very flimsy evidence. He pointed out that accused could have run away, but did not do so.

DIOCESAN GIRLS.

DEMONSTRATION OF PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Under the direction of Miss F. J. Lee, B.P.E., pupils of the Diocesan Girls' School gave a pleasing demonstration of physical culture yesterday to a large gathering of parents and friends. It will be repeated this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Poetry of motion, in its most graceful form was expressed by the participants. Swedish gymnastics, by the senior girls, was one of the outstanding performances, whilst Form V. scored with their wand exercises. The dances, including a Danish folk dance, the Skater's Waltz and the Yankee Doodle Clog were very well presented.

The finale was flag placing, and this was executed with accuracy, the entire class taking part in the item.

Senor Don Claudio Lago de Lanzas, commander of the Spanish training ship, Juan Sebastian de Elcano, yesterday afternoon gave a pleasant tea party to local Spanish residents on the quarter deck of the fine vessel. A pleasant dance was enjoyed by the guests, who were taken on a tour of inspection of the craft by the officers and the cadets.

Apparently of a nervous disposition, a Chinese woman, stated to be 24 years of age, jumped from the window of 63, High St. et, second floor. She injured her head badly and was conveyed to the hospital.

SUFFERINGS OF A SLAVE GIRL.

Chained and Forced to Kneel on Spiked Board.

WEALTHY WOMAN ARRESTED.

Tientsin, Nov. 28.

A terrible story of the sufferings of a little Chinese slave girl at the hands of her owners—husband and wife—has come to light in Tientsin. The result of the child's agony is told in the plain and pithy sentences of the hospital doctor's report but is perhaps still more poignantly summed up in these words of a foreign police official who saw the unhappy victim—"She was about ten years old but looked six."

On November 24, information was received by anonymous letter that a wealthy Chinese family living at No. 12 Shou Kang Li, off Tipperary Road, British Concession, was ill-treating a Chinese child.

On investigation it was proved that a small girl, aged 10, was in the house in Shou Kang Li. She was a slave girl. She was found in a room with her hands chained together. She was in a terrible condition being covered with sores and wounds. Two of the sores were raw and had eaten into the flesh and were about the size of a dollar piece. One wound on the inside of her thigh looked as if it was caused by a stab by some sharp instrument. There was a large boil on the lower inside of her thigh, a bad wound caused by burning with an electric iron (her own statement) and small sores all over her legs and body which had not been cared for.

When seen by the police the girl was in dirty and ragged clothes and she herself was in a very dirty condition. The woman of the house, the owner of the girl, asked that she be allowed to bathe the child. This was done and she was then dressed in new clothing.

The unhappy girl, who is very intelligent, stated that she had been continually beaten by both the man and his wife, who owned her, the man having also burned her with an electric iron.

The woman of the house, who is quite young, attractive and expensively dressed, was arrested by the B.M.C. Police on the morning of the 25th and taken to the police station in her own automobile. Her husband (a young man of independent means) has disappeared and active enquiries are being made to ascertain his whereabouts with a view to his arrest. The woman's name is Tsa Chen-shih and has now been removed in custody to the Chinese yamen.

The girl has been sent to the London Mission Hospital where she is receiving the best medical attention.

The hospital doctor's medical certificate states:

"I have to report the condition of the little slave who was brought to us and has been admitted to the hospital. The legs and arms and body are covered with wounds and scars. There are numerous wounds which she says were inflicted with a knife. There are scars which she says were caused by burns from an electric iron. The knees are covered with scars from her being compelled to kneel on a board full of nails with the points up. On the wrists are the marks of the chain with which she was bound. There are scars on the back where she was beaten. One arm was cut with a knife and salt applied to it."

Such are the bare, plain facts of a story of mediaeval cruelty as it has been found practised in one of the two largest and most enlightened cities of China!

A number of Chinese people have taken an active interest in the case and it is hoped that both the man and woman responsible, whatever their social position, if found guilty, will be met with condign punishment.

The Tientsin Branch of The Chinese Society for the Relief of Women and Children have taken action with the Police in the case and rendered a good deal of help. Mr. Cheng Ching-ch'ai is the President of this Society. Mr. Shen, a Chinese gentleman living in the French Concession, has also interested himself in the poor girl's condition.—P. & T. Times.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of December 20, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 3/13/16.

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Nineteen women and girls and thirty-three men and boys—a record number for one occasion for some years past now—were confirmed by the Bishop of Victoria in the presence of a large congregation at an impressive service in the Cathederal last night. In a brief address to the candidates, the Bishop laid stress on the importance of the steps and its significance in after life.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

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The lowest tender (which was accepted) for this work was $123,300. The contract did not include tar macadam surfacing and channelling which together with some additional foundation work, will bring the total estimated cost to $132,000.

European Rent Allowances.

Rent Allowances :— Senior Officer, $13,500.

Provision made in Estimates, $110,000.

These allowances are paid on an authorised scale to Senior Officers for whom Goverment Quarters (at a rental of 6 per cent. of salary) are not available. The revision of salaries has increased the revenue from the rent of Government Quarters to an extent that more than covers the present excess on the Expenditure vote, but more officers are eligible for the higher scales of Rent allowance (for residence in other than Government Quarters) than was anticipated.

Rent Allowances, European Subordinate Officers, $22,000.

Provision made in Estimates, $48,000.

This Vote provides allowances on an authorised scale for Subordinate Officers for whom the free quarters to which they are entitled are not available. The scale has not been affected by the revision of salaries and the underestimate is due to more officers marrying than was anticipated and the difficulty of finding quarters at an actual rental below the maximum allowable.

Motor Car Drivers.

Kowloon-Canton Railway :— Motor Cars and Lorries. Running Expenses, $1,200.

Provisior made in Estimates, $10,470.

The increase in expenditure is due to the revision of motor car drivers' wages from January 1 and the employment of an additional driver from April 1, also the increase in the price of petrol from July 1.

Wife of porter, going for a holiday: "Well, if yer father ain't going along the train shutting all the doors."—

Weekly Telegraph, Sheffield.

Stamps.

Post Office:—Stamps, $9,585.

Provision made in Estimates, $7,000.

The excess on the vote is due to the low rate of exchange and to the additional supply of stamps required in consequence of the increase in the rates of postage.

Harbour Department, Chain for Moorings, $1,780.

Provision made in Estimates, $15,000.

Cost of chain indented from Crown Agents (Indent No. 11) was estimated at £1,160 at exchange 1/10=$12,655, whereas the actual cost amounted to £1,133.7.5.

Gas Lighting.

Public Works Recurrent:—Gas Lighting, City and Suburbs and Hill District, $10,000.

Provision made in Estimates, $99,000.

The public lighting contract between Government and the Hong Kong & China Gas Co. expired on June 30, 1930, and the terms on which it is to be renewed have been the subject of negotiation between the Company's General Manager and the Public Works Department.

The new rates are considered reasonable and a vote of $10,000 is required to meet the additional charges for gas lighting in Hong Kong for period 1.7.30 to 31.12.30.

Police Force:—Light and Electric Fans, $3,500.

Provision made in Estimates, $35,000.

More electric current than anticipated has been used on account of the addition of the Sailor's Home Quarters and of the enlargement of the Detective Office in Central Station. It is estimated that a further sum of $3,500 will be required:—

Miscellaneous, $139,00.

Provision made in Estimates, $883,000.

The provision made in 1930 Estimates was based on a rate of exchange of $1=1/10. The sums provided have, in consequence of the fall in exchange, become insufficient in cases dealing with sterling payments, and a vote for $139,000 to cover the total excess so far concerned is requested.

Prisons Department:—Cleansing and Sanitary Materials, $300.

Provision made in Estimates, $5,000.

This is due to the fall in exchange. The Crown Agents' accounts up to date amount to £34 13s. 3d. which at 1/10=$378.13 but the total amount paid in dollars at different monthly rates, is $535.39, an increase of $157.26. The balance of the $300 asked for is required to meet the increased cost of local purchases, contract prices being higher than in 1929.

Prisons Department:—Materials for Repairs and Renewals, $600.

Provision made in Estimates, $10,000.

This is due to the fall in exchange. The Crown Agents' accounts up to date amount to £263 14s. 9d. which at 1/10=$2,877.13. The total amount paid in dollars at different monthly rates is $4,024.53, an increase of $1,147.40. $600 will however be enough to meet expenditure as local purchases have been curtailed.

Fire Fighting Apparatus.

Victoria Gaol:—Fire Fighting Apparatus, $1,555.

Provision made in Supplementary Vote, $3,200.

A vote was approved in November last as it was anticipated that all charges had been received from the Crown Agents in connection with the apparatus obtained from Home.

Some further accounts have now been received from the Crown Agents amounting to $1,455.

LIFE AFTER DEATH.

SIR O. LODGE'S WIRELESS PARABLE.

Belief in the existence of angels and other unseen beings was expressed by Sir Oliver Lodge, the scientist, in an address at the official residence of Mr. Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, 11 Downing Street.

"I think," he said, "space is pulsating with life and mind. There are not only people who have inhabited this body and left it, but also others who have not been on this earth before, angels and principalities and powers—they are all there. We live among shadows. If our eyes were open we should be blinded and could not stand it.

"In this room at the present moment, I suppose, there are waves passing through from every capital in Europe which, if you had a wireless set, you could apprehend, and tune-in to the station you wanted. But you must have the material instrument in order to explore the universe. I want the parable of the wireless to be thoroughly grasped. It shows that things may exist in space of which we know nothing unless we have the proper means for investigation.

"This body of mine is an index or demonstration of me. I believe I have an ether body as well. The matter body lasts only about a century, and then you leave it behind, but you don't leave yourself behind. Yourself goes on. Killing the body does not kill you. It spoils the mechanism and prevents you from doing anything. You destroy the loudspeaker—but you might have a duplicate set."

SHARE MARKET.

WEEKLY REPORTS BY BROKERS.

Hong Kong, Dec. 20.

Messrs. G. A. Harriman's Weekly Share Report and Market Review (Noon), December 20, 1930, says:—

The market has been very active during the past week, and although rates have for the most part remained fairly steady at quotations, the demand for certain stock continues unabated with trading taking place on a fairly large scale, particularly in Hotels which strengthened considerably on the news of renewed negotiations for the Sale of the Astor House and Palace Hotels in Shanghai. At the close, however, there is a slight reaction due to profit-taking.

Bank.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks were still on their upward trend and a fair business was done at $1,735/1,760. Bank of East Asias were in demand at $119 but there was no scrip offering.

Insurances.—Both Canton Fires, and Hong Kong Fires remained steady and were enquired for at $1,230 and $1,215 respectively. Union Insurances were slightly better and were asked for at $520. China Underwriters were wanted at $3,10.

Shipping.—Douglases were again on the quiet side with sellers at $28½. There were buyers of Steamboats at $30¼ after sales at $30. Union Waterboats continued neglected at a nominal quotation of $39.

Mining.—Raubs were slightly firmer being put through at $34, and probably more could be placed at this figure.

Hotels and Real Estate.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels were in great demand during the week, and a large number of shares changed hands at $11.45/12.20, but at the close they were slightly easier with business offering at $12.10. The demand for Hong Kong Lands remained strong and a fairly large volume of business was done in the old shares at $83/85. The market closed with buyers offering $83¾ for old and $82½ for new. Humphreys again made a slight improvement and transactions were recorded as high as $17.80. Hong Kong Realtys receded a little and were on offer at $9.40.

Cotton Mills:—Considerable interest was taken in Ewos during the week, and considerable business was transacted at $11.50/11.80 but at the close a firmer tone prevails with buyers offering $12 cash and $12.40 March.

Public Utilities.—Trams were done in small quantities at $17.65/17.90, and closed firm at $17.75. Peak Trams, both old and new, remained unchanged. Star Ferries were in demand throughout the week, with transactions recorded at $94½/95. China Lights were the medium of a fairly large turnover at $25.20/25.60 ex the final dividend of 50 cents just paid, and at the close, buyers were still in evidence at $25.20. Hong Kong Electrics were again firmer and could be placed at $82. Telephones (partly paid) remained in demand at $22.80.

Dock, Wharves and Godowns.—Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharves were in great request at the outset, but slackened a bit towards the close when they were on offer at $173. Providents remained steady with enquiries at $5.30 for old shares and $2.55 for new. Hong Kong Docks were quiet at quotations.

Miscellaneous. — Green Island Cements were done in quantity at rates fluctuating between $17.70/18, and there were further buyers at $17.70 (comb.). Considerable business was transacted in Hong Kong Ropes at $11.40/11.45, closing firm at this figure. Dairy Farms (cum rights) had buyers at $27½. Lane Crawfords continued neglected, while Sinceres were in request at $13.

Forward Settlement Days.—December 23, 1930, January 27 and February 24, 1931.

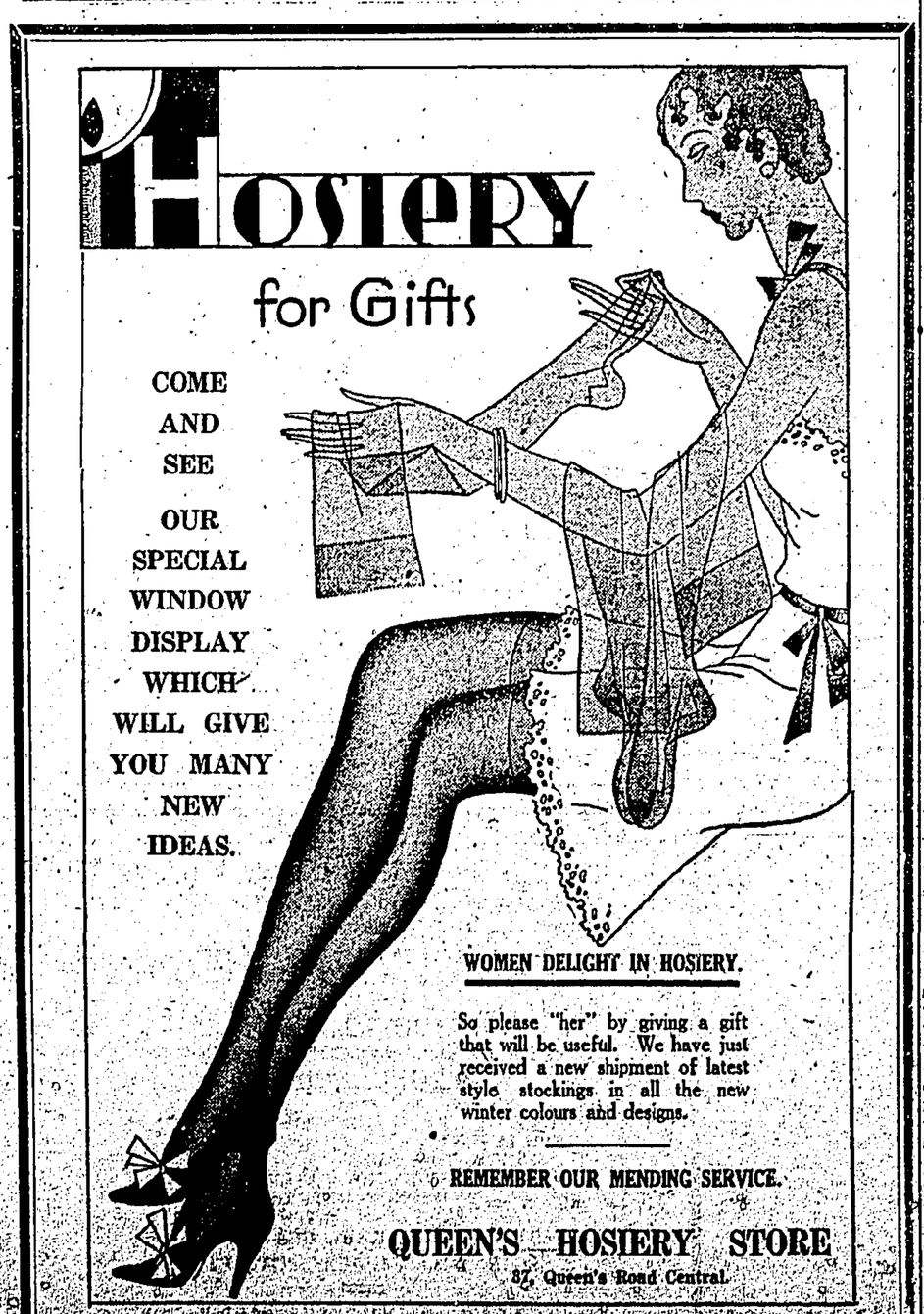
MOUNT NEBO FOR SALE.

Moses' Glimpse of The Promised Land.

Mount Nebo, whence Moses is said to have been allowed his one view of the Promised Land, and where, according to the Scriptures, he died, is for sale.

The trans-Jordon sheiks who own it have offered the summit, including Pisgah—the peak on which the leader of the Israelites stood when he was shown the "land flowing with milk and honey" — to the Franciscan fathers for £1,500.

The offer has been declined, somewhat to the surprise of the sheiks, who understood that the Franciscans were anxious to carry out excavations on the summit and eventually to crown it with a basilica.



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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage Period of one week.

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Hong Kong, 20th December, 1930.

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Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/1 15/16
On Paris—	
On demand	677½
Credits, 4 months' sight	717½
On New York—	
On demand	26 9/16
Credits, 60 days' sight	27 11/16
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Wire	73⅞
On demand	73⅞
On Calcutta—	
Wire	73⅞
On demand	73⅞
On Singapore—	
On demand	47¼
On Manila—	
On demand	53⅜
On Shanghai—	
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Dollar	½% dis.
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Chinese Sub. Coin	23½% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

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Paris	123.59½
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Brussels	34.76½
Geneva	25.01½
Milan	2.76½
Berlin	20.36½
Stockholm	18.09½
Copenhagen	18.16½
Oslo	18.15¾
Vienna	34.47½
Prague	163¾
Helsingfors	163
Madrid	45.75
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	818
Rio	4 11/16
Buenos Aires	37⅛
Montevideo	36½
Bombay	1/5 25/32
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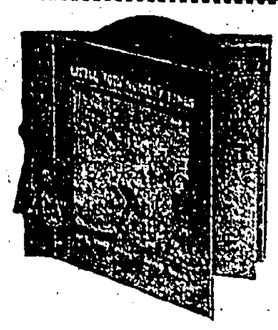

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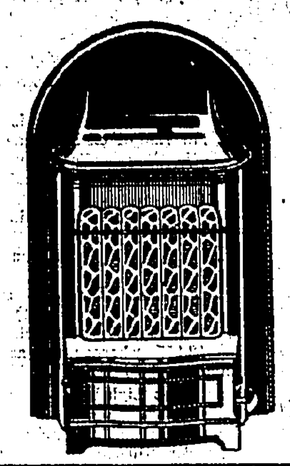

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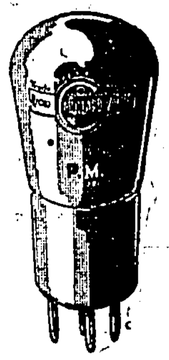

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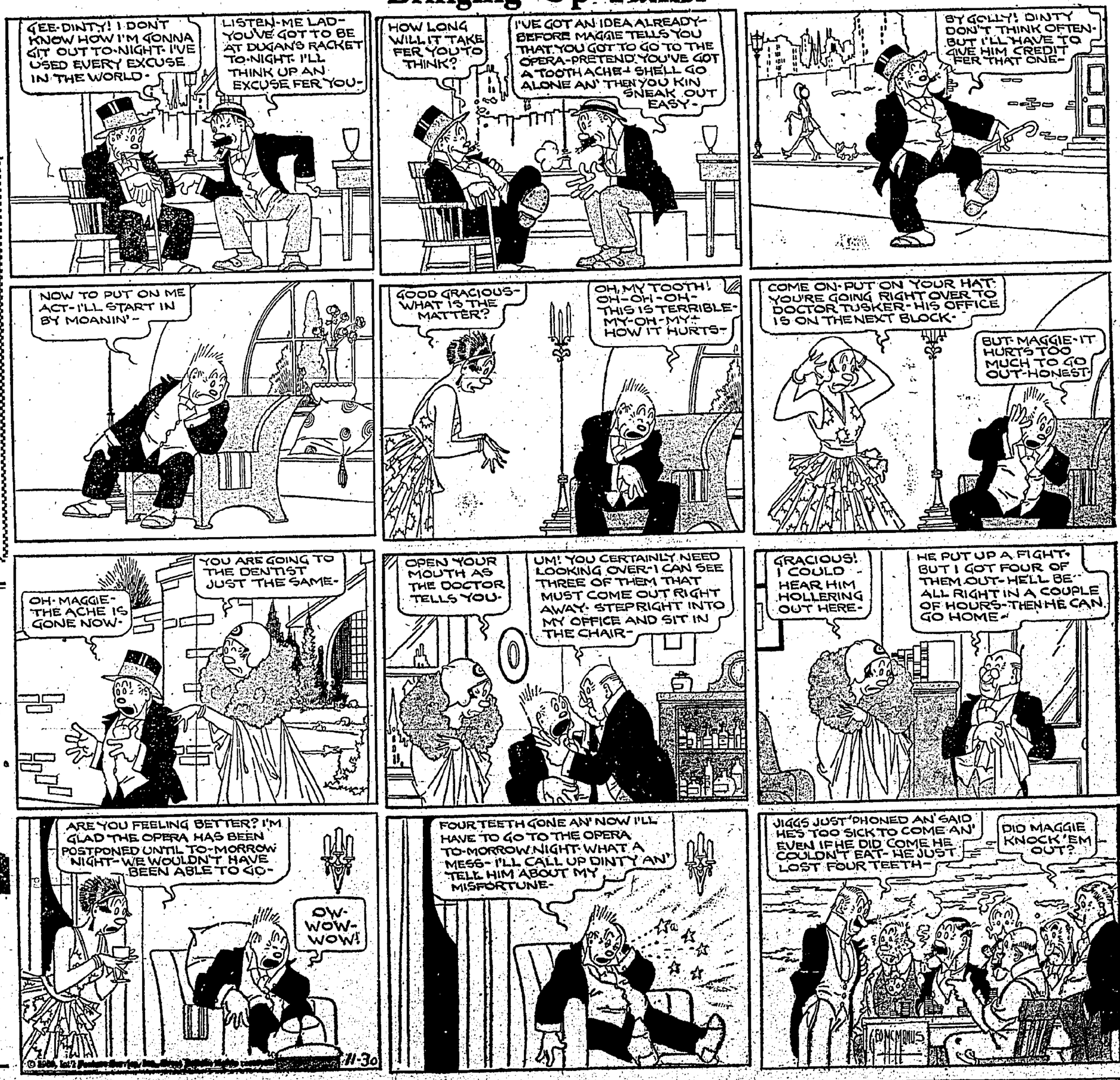

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Hong Kong, 1st April, 1930.

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SHARE MARKET.

WEEKLY REPORTS BY BROKERS.

CARROLL BROTHERS.

Hong Kong, Dec. 19.

The Share Market during the past week has been exceedingly active in all sections, and prices have been well maintained in spite of heavy liquidation for the forthcoming December Settlement. In sympathy with the further drop in the rate of exchange, Banks and Unions continued their upward movement, and some large parcels were quickly snapped up. Some very large transactions in Lands, Electrics, Cements, Hotels and China Lights were negotiated, and would-be purchasers of 'cheap Settlement shares' are likely to be disappointed, as there appears to be far too much money available at the moment for investment and speculative purposes.

Banks.—A good business was done in Banks this week at $1,730/1,760, and further shares could easily be placed at the latter rate.

Insurances.—Cantons and Hong Kong Fires are very steady at quotations. Unions were sold at $515/525, the buying rate at the close being $520, with probable sellers at $525. China Underwriters are wanted at $3, but no shares appear to be offering under $3.10.

Shipping.—A small lot of Steamboats changed hands at $30, and there is a possibility of further business at this figure: Waterboats are offering at $39 and Douglases at $28½, with no offers at present. Star Ferries have buyers at $94½. A small business was done at $94½/94¾.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—A considerable number of Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotel shares were sold at various rates between $11.40 early in the week to $12.25 at the close, and a much larger business was recorded for forward delivery. Large parcels of Hong Kong Lands, old, were snapped up at $84, and at this figure further shares could easily be placed. Hong Kong Realty do not appear to be attracting much attention at the moment, and can be obtained at $9.50. Humphreys' are a shade easier, with sellers at $17.40, and sales registered at $17.80/17.40.

Wharves, Docks and Godowns.—Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharves have been more or less neglected this week, with very little business reported. Shares are available at $173, but buyers do not seem inclined to pay more than $172. Hong Kong & Whampoa Docks are unchanged at $31.

Mining.—Raubs are a little stronger, with buyers now offering $33.75, without attracting sellers.

Cottons.—A small business was done in Ewos this week at Taels 11.50/12.00, the market closing with buyers at Taels 11.90, and sellers at Taels 12.

Miscellaneous.—China Lights are still a popular speculative counter, and a good business appears to have taken place in both cash and forward shares. Cash sales were reported at $25.20/25.60 ex dividend, the closing rates being $25.25 buyers, $25.35 sellers. A large number of cash and Settlement Cements changed hands at $17.70/80, and further shares are still wanted at the latter figure. Providents are unchanged at quotations. Hong Kong Electrics are still popular at $82.25, and at this figure quite a large number of cash shares have been taken off the market. A big forward business was negotiated this week. A fair business was done in Hong Kong Trams at $17.75, and further shares are wanted. Dairy Farms are steady, with buyers at $27.25, and sellers at $27.50. Hong Kong Ropes are still in demand at $11.40, after sales at $11.45. Hong Kong Amusements are wanted at $21.50, with no business to report. A small business in Hong Kong Telephones is reported at $23, but buyers at the moment will not pay more than $22.80 for shares. Banque Industrielle Bonds have improved to a buying rate of 71½ per cent., with sellers at 72 per cent. Sinceres are wanted at $13, China Entertainments at $12.50, and Constructions at $4.

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Hong Kong, 19th January, 1930.

COMPANY REPORT.

SANDAKAN LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the eighth ordinary yearly meeting to be held at the head office of the company, St. George's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, December 29, at noon is as under:—

The Directors have now to lay before the shareholders a statement of accounts for the year ended June 30, 1930, and balance sheet as at that date.

The Profit on Working Account, after charging Depreciation ($27,296.38) and General Managers' Commission, is $37,574.87
to which has to be added income from investments, interest and scrip fees totalling 3,136.82
$40,711.69

After providing for—
Consulting Committee's, Directors' and Auditors' Fees $2,191.03
Commission to the Managing Agents at Sandakan 3,256.97
Sinking Fund to replace the Value of the Company's Concession 2,693.94
$ 8,141.94

The net profit for the year amounts to $32,569.75

This amount, transferred to General Profit and Loss Account, reduces the balance at debit of that Account to $50,381.78.

Directors:—On January 15, 1930, new Articles of Association were adopted by the Company, under which the Consulting Committee ceased to exist and a Board of Directors was formed in its place consisting of the gentlemen formerly constituting the Consulting Committee.

The Directors of the Company are: Mr. R. G. Shewan (ex-officio), Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. C. A. da Roza, and Mr. S. M. Churn.

In accordance with Article 95 of the new Articles of Association, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. C. A. da Roza retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—The Accounts in Hong Kong have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, who retire but offer themselves for re-election.

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.	
Shanghai & Swatow	Shantung
Java	Bantam.
Japan	Kamakura Maru
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjibadak
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.	
Manila	Empress of Canada
Manila	President Grant
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Nov. 29)	Tatsuta Maru
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.	
Japan	Sirdhana
Japan and Shanghai	Angers
Java	Japara
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.	
Japan	Atsuta Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Nov. 29)	Hiye Maru
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.	
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.		
Straits	Cydops	2.30 p.m.
Foochow	Chusan	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, *Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. & S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	Taiyo Maru (Due San Francisco, Jan. 14, 1931 and *Europe via Siberia.)	
	Registration, Dec. 20	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Saigon	Shun Chih	4.30 p.m.
Manila	President Lincoln	4.30 p.m.
Foochow	Chip Shing	5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	5 p.m.
Japan	Hakuyo Maru	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21.		
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Nam Sang	
	Parcels Dec. 21	9 a.m.
	Letters	9 a.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.		
Sandakan	Mau Sang	10.30 a.m.
Straits, and East Africa via Mombasa and South Africa via Lourenco Marques and *South American Ports	Kamakura Maru	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	3 p.m.
Japan, *Canada, U.S.A., *C. & *S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Grant (Due Victoria, B.C., Jan. 9, 1931.)	
	Parcels Dec. 22,	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Shanghai & *Europe via Siberia	President Grant	
	Registration ....Dec. 22,	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Changte (Due Thursday Is., Jan. 3, 1931.)	
	Parcels Dec. 22,	5 p.m.
	Registration Dec. 23,	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.		
*Manila and Sourabaya	Tjibadak	9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tonkin	12.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Aeneas (Due Marseilles, Jan. 22, 1931.)	
K.P.O.	G.P.O.	
Registration ...Dec. 23, 1 p.m.	Registration Dec. 23,	1.45 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.	Letters	2.30 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 19th Dec., 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank ....$	1755	...	1750	1760	Dec.	{Interim £3 a/c 1930 ex. 1/7}=$40.48	Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank .....£	...	...	...	28½	Dec.	Interim 7/- free I/Tax a/c 1930	Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., A&B. £	...	...	...	27			
" C. £	...	...	...	19½	Dec.	{Int. 20/- " 5/-} a/c 1930 less I/Tax	Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia .....$	115	...	...	...	Dec.	$8 for 1929	Feb. 26, 30
Insurances.							
Canton Ins. .....$	1230	...	1230	...	Dec.	{Final $27 for 1929 Interim $18 a/c 1930}=$45	May 16, 30
Union Ins. .....$	520	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final 16/- for 1929 Interim 14/- a/c 1930}=$2	May 30, 30
*China Underwriters...$	3.10	...	...	...	Dec.	None	
China Fire Ins. .....$	400	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final $9 bonus $6 for 1929 Interim $3 a/c 1930}=$15	May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins. .....$	1215	...	...	...	Dec.	$47 for 1929	Mar. 26, 30
Shipping.							
Douglases .....$	...	28½	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	
H. K. Steamboats ...$	30½	30½	30	...	Dec.	$1.50 for 1929	Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.) ...$	...	...	...	40	Dec.	{12½ ex. 2/-) on preferred for 1924 and 1925	June 19, 29
" (Def.) ...$	...	...	...	24		Last dividend for 1921	
Shell Transports ...£/-	...	...	...	74/4	Dec.	{Interim 2/- Coupon No. 57 free I/Tax a/c 1930	Pending
Union Waterboats ...$	...	...	...	89	Dec.	$1.50 for 1929	Mar. 10, 30
Mining.							
Benguets .....$	11	...	...	...	Dec.	{Interim 15 bonus 5 making 5/- contango a/c 1930}	Sept. 30, 30
Kailan Mining Ad. £/-	...	...	...	31/3	June	{Final 4% free I/Tax making 9% for year 30-6-30}	Pending
Langkat .....Tls.	...	...	...	8½	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-29	May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration...Tls.	2	...	...	...	Dec.	None	
" Loans .....Tls.	6½	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 0.25 a/c 1930	July 1, 30
*Raubs .....$	33½	...	...	...	Mar.	{Second int. 1/- a/c year 31-3-21}	Dec. 16, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves..$	...	173	...	...	Dec.	$9 for 1929	Mar. 18, 30
H. K. & W. Docks...$	...	...	...	30.85	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	
South Ch. Motors ...$	...	...	...	10	...	...	...
*China Providents (old)$	5.80	5.40	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	
" (new) $	2.55	...	...	...			
Hongkews .....Tls.	...	...	...	284	Dec.	Interim T. 8 a/c 1930	Sep. 19, 30
N. Engineerings ...Tls.	...	...	...	7.10	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
Shanghai Docks ...Tls.	...	...	...	114	Apr.	T. 7 for year 30-4-30	July 30, 30
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
*H. K. & S. Hotels...$	11.85	11.90	11.80	11.90	Dec.	$0 cents for 1929	Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands (old) ...$	84	...	84	...			
" (new) ...$	82½	83	...	...	Dec.	Interim $2 a/c 1930	Aug. 8, 30
" Rights ...$	21½	...	21	...			
Shanghai Lands ...Tls.	322	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 3 a/c 1930	July 31, 30
Humphreys .....$	17.20	17.30	...	...	Dec.	80 cents for 1929	May 7, 30
H. K. Realties .....$	...	...	...	9½	Dec.	Interim 30 cents a/c 1930	Sep. 4, 30
Chinese Estates .....$	...	...	...	87	Feb.	$3 for year 23-2-30	July 21, 30
Cotton Mills.							
*Ewo Cotton .....Tls.	11.90	...	...	...	Dec.	Final T. 3 a/c 1929	Mar. 17, 30
Shanghai Cotton...Tls.	79½	...	...	...	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3-25 for half year 31-10-30	Nov. 29, 30
Zoong Sings .....Tls.	...	...	...	9½	June	T. 0-30 for year 30-6-30	Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.							
*H., K. Tramways...$	17.70	17.85	17.65	...	Dec.	Interim 40 cents a/c 1930	Aug. 27, 30
Peak Trams (old) ...$	...	...	...	14½	Apr.	{30 cts. on old} for year {40 cts on new} 30-4-30	June 16, 30
" (new) ...$	...	...	...	6½			
Star Ferries .....$	94½	94½	...	...	Dec.	$4 for 1929	Feb. 14, 30
*China Light .....$	25½	...	25.40	...	Sept.	Final 50 cts. a/c yr. 30-6-30	Dec. 15, 30
H. K. Electrics .....$	82	...	...	...	Dec.	$2.50 for 1929	Mar. 12, 30
Macao " .....$	...	...	...	28	Dec.	...	...
Sandakan Lights ...$	12	...	...	...	June	None	
H.K. Tels. fully paid $	...	...	...	35½	Dec.	Int. {40 cents 10 cents} a/c 1930	Aug. 1, 30
" part paid $	22.80	...	...	...			
China Buses .....Tls.	...	...	...	19.60	Dec.	T. 0.90 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
S'poreTractions(Ord.)s/-	...	7/6	...	...	Sept.	{1/4½ on preference shares Subject to income tax}	Feb. 6, 30
" (Prf.)s/-	...	...	...	10/-			
Industrials.							
China Sugars .....$	80cts.	...	...	...	...	In Liquidation.	
Malabon Sugars .....$	...	...	...	27	Dec.	Fn. 3 for 1929	Apr. 11, 29
Cald: Macg. Ord....Tls.	...	...	...	10½	Dec.	{T. 0.50 T. 0.40} 7 months 1929	Apr. 30, 30
" Pref....Tls.	...	...	...	10.40			
Canton Ices .....$	...	3.80	...	...	July	None	
*Cements (com.) .....$	17.90	18	...	...	Dec.	{30 cents on old} for 1929 {04 cents on new}	Mar. 19, 30
" (old) .....$	12½	...	...	...			
" (new) .....$	...	...	...	6.20			
H. K. Ropes .....$	11.40	11.45	11.40	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
Stories, &c.							
Dairy Farms C/R .....$	27½	...	...	...	Dec.	$1.50 for 1929	Mar. 14, 30
" X/R .....$	25	...	...	...			
" Rights .....$	3.65	...	3.70	...			
Watsons .....$	...	12½	...	...	Oct.	70 cents for year 31-10-29	Mar. 31, 30
Der A Wings .....$	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Lane Crawfords .....$	...	...	...	3.70	Feb.	Last dividend for year 23-2-26	
Mackinnons .....$	19	...	...	...		$2 for year 23-2-30	May 15, 30
Sinceres .....$	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wm. Powells .....$	...	...	...	2.85	Feb.	25 cents for year 23-2-29	June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusement ...$	...	...	...	23	Mar.	{$2.50 on Preferred $1.50 on Deferred} for year 31-3-30	Sept. 27, 30
Ch. Entertainment ...$	12½	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Constructions...$	4	...	...	...	Dec.	None	
B. Ind. G.$ Bonds ...	70%	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans...$	...	...	Prem.	6%	...	Interest half yearly	

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Sport Columns

SHANGHAI RUGBY.

INTERPORT TEAM BEATS U.S. MARINES.

Sporting Appreciation.

A crowd of 2,500 at the Stadium, Shanghai, witnessed the victory of the Shanghai Interport Rugby fifteen over the Fourth Regiment United States Marine Corps by the large margin of four goals, a penalty goal, and two tries (29 points) to a goal (5 points).

The Shanghai players outshone their opponents in practically everything except speed—the Marines had at least five track athletes of the first order in their fifteen. Shanghai's forwards were of about the same weight as the Marines', but they combined much better and had the best of most of the scrums. The Marines' three-quarter line possessed more speed than any seen locally, but their handling was poor.

Sporting Act.

On the following evening, a letter was received from 1st Lieut. C. D. Baylis:—

"As coach of the Fourth Regiment U.S. Marines Rugby football team, I believe it only fitting and proper, at this time, to congratulate the Shanghai Interport Rugger team on their splendid victory of yesterday, at the Stadium. With only fourteen months of Rugger experience (gained in Shanghai), I believe, nevertheless, that I am qualified to express my opinion when I say the Fourth Marines, as long as they continue to play Rugger in Shanghai, will never be beaten by a better team than represented and wore the colours of the Shanghai Rugby Union football team, yesterday.

GOLFING CAPTAIN TO PLAY HIMSELF IN TO-MORROW.

Mr. A. B. Stewart, the new captain of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, will play himself in at 12.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The difference between Bobby Jones and the limit player is not merely that he does not make these mistakes quite so often. The biggest difference is that he does not get all hot under the collar and mess up the next one.—Archie Compston.

WHO WILL WIN?

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES AT HOME.

[Exclusive to China Mail—By "Linesman."]

The following is a list of Home football matches to-day. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

ARSENAL	v.	Newcastle Un.
Birmingham	v.	Liverpool
Blackburn R.	v.	**WEDNESDAY**
Blackpool	v.	**GRIMSBY T.**
Derby Co.	v.	Huddersfield
LEEDS UN.	v.	Manchester U.
LEICESTER	v.	Bolton W.
Manchester C.	v.	**ASTON VILLA**
PORTSMOUTH	v.	Chelsea
Sheffield U.	v.	**MIDDLESBRO'**
Sunderland	v.	**WEST HAM**

Division II.

Barnsley	v.	Tottenham
BRADFORD C.	v.	Oldham
Bristol C.	v.	**PRESTON N.E.**
BURY	v.	Reading
Cardiff C.	v.	**BURNLEY**
CHARLTON	v.	Notts F.
EVERTON	v.	Southampton
Plymouth	v.	**WOLVES**
PORT VALE	v.	Millwall
Swansea	v.	**BRADFORD**
WEST BROM.	v.	Stoke City

Division III.—Southern.

Bournemouth	v.	**CRYSTAL P.**
Clapton O.	v.	Bristol R.
COVENTRY	v.	Torquay
Fulham	v.	Northampton
Norwich	v.	Gillingham
NOTTS CO.	v.	Luton
QUEEN'S P.R.	v.	Exeter
Swindon	v.	**BRENTFORD**
THAMES	v.	Newport
Walsall	v.	**BRIGHTON**
Watford	v.	**SOUTHEND**

Division III.—Northern.

Darlington	v.	Tranmere
DONCASTER	v.	Barrow
Gateshead	v.	**CHESTERFIELD**
Halifax	v.	**CARLISLE**
Hartlepools	v.	Rochdale
HULL	v.	Southport
LINCOLN	v.	Accrington
Nelson	v.	**WREXHAM**
N. Brighton	v.	York
STOCKPORT	v.	Rotherham
WIGAN	v.	Crewe

Scottish League.

ABERDEEN	v.	Partick T.
Clyde	v.	**DUNDEE**
East Fife	v.	**MOTHERWELL**
FALKIRK	v.	Leith
HAMILTON	v.	Hearts
Hibernians	v.	**ST. MIRREN**
Kilmarnock	v.	**CELTIC**
MORTON	v.	Ayr
QUEEN'S PK.	v.	Airdrie.
RANGERS	v.	Cowdenbeath

TO-DAY'S SNIPS.

Home.

Arsenal.
Notts County.
Lincoln City.
Stockport.
Rangers.
Bury.
Port Vale.
West Bromwich Albion.

Away.

Wednesday.
Aston Villa.
Middlesbro'.
West Ham.
Preston North End.
Burnley.
Wolves.
Crystal Palace.
Wrexham.
Dundee.
Motherwell.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting time for to-morrow at Fanling:—

9.00 a.m.		C. B. Riggs, R. F. Clark.
9.04-9.16—		Reserved.
9.20 a.m.		A. H. Musson, J. K. Macfarlan.
9.24	„	E. P. Fletcher, A. W. Hodges.
9.28	„	A. H. Chambers, H. W. Dulley.
9.32	„	H. Pooley, B. D. Evans.
9.36	„	D. F. C. Cleland, A. C. Meredith.
9.40	„	T. D. E. Pendered, I. W. Shewan.
9.44	„	A. H. Ferguson, J. P. Warren.
9.48	„	W. J. Clerk, J. H. Raikes.
9.52	„	A. D. Humphreys, O. Eager.
9.56	„	C. L. Shank, H. C. Durschmidt.
10.00	„	I. D. Lennox, J. E. Richardson.
10.04	„	R. Stock, S. J. H. Fox.
10.08	„	G. B. S. Thomson, D. S. Edward.
10.12	„	H. A. Lammert, H Hampton.
10.16	„	A. B. Purves, E. des Voeux.
10.20	„	A. O. Brawn, W. R. Vallance.
10.24	„	G. T. May, G. Thomerson.
10.28	„	R. J. J. Sneddon, J. P. Sherry.
10.32	„	I. H. Geare, H. U. Ireland.
10.36	„	G. E. Mitchell, H. Spicer.
10.40	„	S. H. Dodwell, L. G. S. Dodwell.
10.44	„	T. Lindars, C. H. M. Andrew.
10.48	„	J. Forbes, W. G. Lorimer.
10.52	„	H. G. Mills, D. J. Gilmore.
10.56	„	R. M. Chaloner, P. S. Grant.
11.00	„	R. A. Campbell, R. Young.
11.04	„	A. Sommerfelt, A. Piercy.
11.08	„	T. J. Price, J. Harrop.
11.12	„	J. R. Hinton, C. H. Burton.
11.16	„	C. B. Maturin, J. B. Lanyon.
11.20	„	A. Reid, T. A. Martin.
11.24	„	A. Leach, D. S. Robb.
11.28	„	D. J. Keogh, J. S. Dykes.
11.32	„	A. C. L. Bowker, R. K. Valentine.
11.36	„	J. G. Campbell, S. S. Perry.
11.40	„	J. Coulthart, C. W. Jeffreys.
11.44	„	G. E. Ellams, C. H. Ross.
11.48	„	A. B. Raworth, C. B. Johnson.
11.52	„	J. H. Collis, V. R. Gordon.
11.44-12.48—		Reserved.
12.52 p.m.		Championship final.
No Fourballs till 12.56 p.m.		

SPORT "SNOBBERY."

IS RUGBY FOOTBALL THE GREATER GAME?

PROFESSIONALISM DECRIED.

Major Trape, one of the characters in J. B. Priestly's most recent novel, "Angel Pavement," in the course of a heated argument on what he calls "the vulgarities of soccah," holds that Association football can never be a game for pure sportsmen so long as the players are paid for their services. Rugger, on the other hand, he contends, symbolises all that is manly and fine and unselfish, being unmarred by the professional instinct.

"In Ruggah, you don't mind if the other fellah wins." We are all familiar with this view, which we may share or not share, according to our prejudices. This is a good deal in favour of Major Trape's attitude, apart from the characteristic flourish of "snobbery" which insinuates that Rugby is played by a rather select class of sportsmen. As a matter of fact, we have seen a number of Rugby matches in which tactics that were decidedly "dirty" were noticeable. As a rule, however, the game is as clean as any game that is hotly contested and which evokes the enthusiasms of the contestants can be.

Different Standards.

Being unprofessional, the standards are inclined to be different from those of games in which the players are paid. But a standard exists, just as a business standard exists with a professional team, whether in the form of the honour of the School or Club, or merely as the vanity of the individual; and sustained at all costs it must be. Hence Rugby is exposed to the same dangers as its professional sister game, though for different reasons, and we can well imagine that a cad would commit just as despicable an act in order to get the cudos of a try, as would an Association player of like ilk who wanted his pound for the extra point. The man who plays honourably, however, be he an Association "pro" or a Rugger Blue, will allow no such element to tarnish his game.

Unhappy Element.

In Hong Kong our sport is not "tainted" or "honoured" (according to your opinion) by professionalism, and the differences between the two forms of football are relative to the preferences and upbringing of the public. Generally speaking, if a person has been brought up at a school where Rugby football is played, he will prefer that game to Association, and vice versa; and the all-round sportsman has an eye that casts equal favour on both. Yet, solely amateur as our games are, in this Colony, there is an element that has unfortunately crept into them from time to time which we can only call unhappy. Too often do we read of local referees reproving the players for losing their tempers.

Players, if they are not actually ordered off the field, are at least warned for unseemly behaviour far oftener than is desirable, and it would hardly be fair to accuse our referees of trying to find trouble. It may be considered wise to take a tolerant view of these "trivialities," remembering that we are not in our native land, that all temperaments in the East have not the cold ardour of the Celt or the Anglo-Saxon; that excitability is bound to reveal itself in moments of vigorous play. But surely that would be begging the question?

Primitive Emotions.

Football is not indigenous to this part of the world and the distinct "code" which is or should be the vital essence of its exercise, foreign and in some way perplexing to other than Nordic personalities at the outset, cannot be said to be a product of the native soil. It is gratifying to feel that this "code" of sporting principles, the fruit of Occidental culture and religion as much as any other element, should have been so readily assimilated and understood in the countries where football has taken so firm a hold upon the mind of youth. Yet it would seem that there is still the danger of the game being played without cognisance of this higher standard, and degenerating into a mere battle of wits and brawn in which all the primitive emotions may be let loose. There is no reason why this should be so.

School Tuition.

It has been proved indubitably that the sporting instinct, as it is called, is common to human nature in every race and class and, even though it exists but as the veriest glimmer in a boy's heart, it takes merely the sympathetic influence of a schoolmaster to make it shine as the leading principle of his life. The problem, in fact, lies much more with our schools than one might think; and it is in this direction that we must look for its solution.

In any case, if football is to be preserved as a game inherent with all the qualities that characterise many of those things which stand out as the best in the British race, the traditions of the game and, above all, the sporting instinct, must be preserved inviolate.—"Ramaiah."

GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

BOXING'S DECLINE IN NEW YORK

THE TOTALISATOR A SUCCESS.

CORSICAN GOLF

Archery. No sooner does one craze attack America than another new sporting craze compels public attention. Archery is proving very popular at the moment and is expected to be midget golf's successor. The South appear to have more members keen on the sport, though the North have enlisted a large number of recruits in the last few weeks.

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Athletics. The Under Secretary of Tasmania (Mr. D'Arcy Addison) is conferring with Lord Lansdowne with a view to arranging a visit to Australia of leading British sportsmen interested in hunting, polo, fishing and golf. Mr. Addison, is of the opinion that representative types should be given an opportunity of seeing the wonders of "real Australia" and of travelling through the hinterland untrammelled by social engagements.

Mr. Addison has obtained the co-operation of the Australian Agents-General and the Australian National Travel Association, the proposal being that all the visitors will pay their own expenses.

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Aviation. Squadron-Leader Leonard H. Slatter, who was in charge of the British team which won the Schneider trophy at Venice in 1927, has been appointed to command No. 43 Fighter Squadron, one of the crack units of the R.A.F.

Squadron-Leader Slatter is at present in command of No. 111 (Fighter) Squadron stationed at Hornchurch.

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Boxing. The so-called depression in boxing in New York has caused a momentary decline in the revenue of the professional pugilist.

The first four autumn indoor shows at the Madison Square Garden drew $103,404, as compared with $136,152, taken in at the ticket window last year.

This loss is largely attributed to the present scarcity of good ring talent.

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Cricket. "I love fielding and would just as soon field as any time," writes, D. G. Bradman in "Don Bradman's Book," the story of my cricketing life, with hints on batting, bowling and fielding," which is published by Hutchinson and Co. Mr. P. F. Warner, in an introduction to the book, refers to Bradman's feet as "small and beautifully neat, which Pavlova might have envied." He denies that Bradman's eschewing a high drive is a weakness in his play. Bradman could play any stroke on which he cared to concentrate. Mr. Warner predicts that Bradman will play between 600 and 700 innings and will put the aggregates and number of centuries scored by W. G. Grace and J. B. Hobbs in the shade.

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Fencing. For the second time the Alfred Hutton Cup has gone to Germany. Three years ago Fraulein Helene Mayer, at the age of 16, won the trophy at her first attempt, and after an absence of two years she returned to fencing, and again won the women's international foil tournament at Bertrand's Academy, London.

In the final pool Fraulein Mayer tied with Miss M. Butler, the British champion, each of whom suffered one defeat, and in the fight-off the German girl won with five hits to two.

The final pool resulted:—Fraulein H. Mayer (Germany), one defeat; Miss M. Butler (Britain), one defeat; Miss Daniel (Britain), two defeats; Mrs. Munck (Denmark), three defeats; Miss Neligan (Britain), three defeats; Miss Olsen (Denmark), five defeats; Miss Venables (Britain), seven defeats.

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Football. During a football match at Trieste one of the players, in a sudden excess of enthusiasm caused by the excitement of the game, drew a knife he had concealed on his person, and stabbed one of his opponents with it.

The unfortunate player fell unconscious, and died shortly after reaching hospital.

Golf. Corsica's first golf course has been opened at Lozari, about four miles from Ile Rousse.

The new course is within a few yards of the sea, on a small plain at the base of an imposing amphitheatre of mountains, the peaks of which are snow-capped during most of the year.

Lieutenant-Commander Sir Warden Chilcott, who has an estate at St. Florent, Cap Corse, is president of the club.

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Hunting. While out with the Cheshire hunt, Mr. James Tinsley, who was acting as Master, was thrown when his horse fell at a deep ditch, and narrowly escaped drowning.

The horse pinned his unconscious master, whom he had kicked on the face, underneath him and dammed up the water over his body. When rescued by members of the hunt Mr. Tinsley was restored by artificial respiration.

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Motoring. The famous motor-cyclist, Alfred Carnmic, a former champion of Switzerland, was killed at Bellingona during a trial speed run in a motor-car. When he was travelling at top speed one of the back wheels became detached and the car turned over.

M. Carnmic was picked up severely injured, and he died as he was being carried to hospital. His mechanic, Ostine, was killed on the spot.

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Racing. That the totalisator's total turn-over so far this year was over £3,000,000 was announced by Sir Clement Hindley, the Chairman of the Racecourse Betting Control Board, at the Board's dinner.

He said that the profit would cover the working expenses and also help to pay the interest on borrowed capital.

Only seven established racecourses were without the tote. It is expected that Ascot will be equipped with a tote by the middle of next year.

He disclosed the fact that the average odds paid daily on the double were 190 to 1.

The Marquess of Zetland declared that the machanised totalisator operating at Newmarket was the best and most ingenious mechanical totalisator invented.

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Rugby. An unusual situation has arisen in international Rugby football, arising from the selection of J. P. McArthur, the Waterloo scrum-half, to play in the England International Trial match at Blundellsands on December 6.

McArthur was born in England, but is of Scottish descent, and, in addition to the invitation to play at Blundellsands, he has also been asked to take part in the Scottish International Trial, which will be played on the same day. It was officially stated that McArthur had decided to play in the Scottish trial, a decision which is a little surprising in view of the fact that in the England trial he was to have been partnered by his club-mate, S. S. C. Meikle.

There is no definite rule regarding qualification for international matches, other than that a man is considered qualified either by birth or by lineal descent, though it is generally understood that once a player has participated in a trial match he will not be asked to play for another country.

Instances of the kind are rare, although last season Scotland chose J. E. Hutton, the United Banks and Harlequin centre-three-quarter, who has played practically all his football in this country, to play against England in the Calcutta Cup match.

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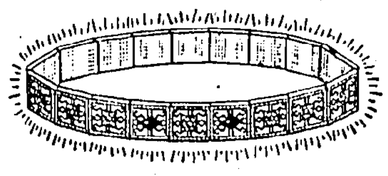
Tennis. Mrs. Sutton Bundy, a former champion of England and the United States, who caused a sensation by beating Mrs. Fearnley Whittingstall (then Miss Bennett) at Wimbledon in 1929, has caused yet another sensation by leaving the amateur ranks in order to teach at a lawn tennis school for girls.

Mrs. Bundy's win was all the more remarkable in view of the fact that she was twice her opponent's age.

On her way to the last eight Mrs. Bundy beat another fine player in Miss E. H. Harvey, but she was beaten in the fifth round by Miss Joan Ridley.



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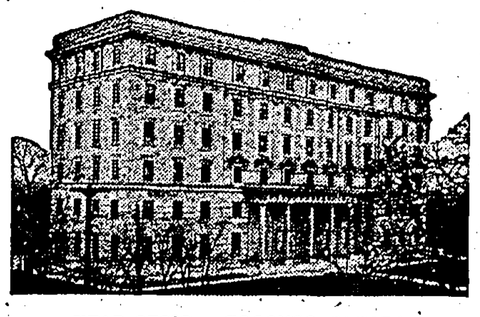

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LOCAL TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

Cricket and Football Elevens.

RUGBY.

Sporting fans will have a good programme from which to select their afternoon's enjoyment. Cricket and football are well represented all over the Colony and the Peninsula, and rugby offers an added attraction at Happy Valley. Hockey matches are fewer than last week, but interesting encounters should be witnessed. Below we append probable teams for to-day games.

CRICKET.

University Teams.

The following will represent the University to-day:—

1st XI. v. C.C.C. (Away):—
D. J. N. Anderson (Captain), A. Baker, F. A. Redmond, D. K. Samy, A. B. Sulieman, A. Rodrigues, A. T. Nomanbhoy, K. P. Gan, G. E. Yeoh, A. S. A. Kyum, and A. Chan Fook.

2nd XI. v. C.C.C. (Home):—
K. T. Loke (Captain), A. A. Aziz, G. Scully, P. L. Tan, P. S. Chen, H. Nomanbhoy, P. M. N. da Silva, D. Roy, R. Leung, E. Gosano, and W. James.

Reserves: M. Yahyabhoy, and W. K. Choa.

Over 30 v. Under 30.

The following sides have been selected for a match to be played on the Club ground to-day at 2 p.m.:—

Over 30:—T. E. Pearce, G. R. Sayer, E. W. Hamilton, G. R. More, E. R. Duckitt, A. Reid, N. A. Thorp, W. W. Mackenzie, R. H. Wild, E. J. R. Mitchell, and R. S. W. Paterson.

Under 30:—H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, A. C. Beck, O. E. C. Marton, H. J. Armstrong, J. Barrow, J. E. Richardson, J. P. Whitham, J. R. Hinton, R. V. Dewar Durie and P. W. Jr Planner.

FOOTBALL.

Club Team.

The Club second eleven will meet the Royal Artillery at Sookunpoo to-day at 2.30 p.m. and will be represented by:—

Fogwill; Stoker, Potouloff; Sloan, Hynes, Tavlin; Alexander, Bell, Strange, Jackson, and Fowler.

Reserves: Hooper and Krilovsky.

Kowloon Teams.

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon 1st eleven versus S.W. Borderers on Kowloon Football Club ground to-day at 4 p.m.:—

Bliss; Martin, Pile; Hedley, McKelvie, Dowman; Moss, Simpson, Gillott, Grimwood, and Ianson.

The Kowloon 2nd eleven against the S.W. Borderers on the Kowloon Football Club ground at 2.30 p.m. will be represented by:—

Angus; Guest, Eastman; Everest, Gilchrist, Smith; White, W. H. Brown, Spary, Cotton, and Bickford.

Reserves: Davies and Gourivitch.

Recreio Teams.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio in their matches to-day:—

1st XI. v. Argylls at 4 p.m.:—
Beltrao; Xavier, Silva-Netto; Sousa, Gosano, Marques; B. Gosano, Ward, Rocha, Roza Pereira, and Santos.

2nd XI. v. Navy at 2.30 p.m.:—
Lawrence; V. Costa, E. Lawrence; C. R. Silva, C. Figueiredo, A. Barretto; Gonsalves, Gutteres, Santos, and Assis.

South China.

The following will represent South China to-day:—

Pau Ka-ping; Li Tin-sang, Lau Mau; Leung Yin-chan, Wong Mei-shun, Leung Wing-chiu; Chan Mee-on, Chu Kwok-luen, Fung King-cheung, Tam Kong-pak and Ip Pak-wa.

South Wales Borderers.

The following have been selected to represent the Borderers in their First Division fixture:—

Johnson; Mullone, Williams; Morgan, Hynan, Underwood; Harris, Davis, Channings, Morgan, and Mason.

University Team.

The following will represent the University to-day at 4 p.m. against the Eastern at Happy Valley:—

D. A. Oppenheim; E. L. Harrison, H. T. Bee; S. Reed, S. L. Wong (captain), K. S. Lew; T. Y. Ong, C. Candah, C. K. Tan, P. P. Kho, and K. Y. Lee.

RUGBY.

Club v. Services.

The following are the teams for to-day's game between the Club and the United Services on the Club ground at 4.15 p.m.:—

Club:—S. J. H. Fox; G. R. More, R. H. Griffiths, G. P. Lammert, J. J. Ferguson; M. W. Turner, J. W. King; D. L. Milne Day, A. D. Suttill, W. F. Peers, F. R. Burch, E. R. West, E. B. Gammell, J. R. Younger, and B. P. Massey.

United Services:—Pte. Frankham (S.W.B.); Lieut. Gallotly (S.W.B.) (Captain), Mid. Parker (H.M.S. Medway), Lieut. David (H.M.S. Medway), Lieut. Barlow (S.W.B.); Lieut. Hewitt (H.M.S. Stormcloud), Mid. Roberts (H.M.S. Suffolk); Surg.-Lieut. Nicholson, Lieut. Crawford, E.A. Wilkinson (H.M.S. Medway), Lt.-Comdr. Robertson (H.M.S. Suffolk), Sub-Lt. Edwards (H.M.S. Berwick), L/Cpl. Tratt, Pte. Gilmore, and Drummer Jones (S.W.B.).

HOCKEY.

Radio Sports Club Team.

The following will represent the R.S.C. hockey team against the K.B.S.P.A. to-day at 3.30 p.m. on the Marina ground:—

B. S. Gill; Rattan Singh, J. S. Grewal; Kalwant Singh, Atma Singh, Khusi Mohd.; R. Khan, Gurbachan Singh, Awtar Singh (captain), Attar Singh and F. A. Kemp.

Reserve: Mohinder Singh.

Y.M.C.A. Teams.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. against the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club at King's Park at 3.15 p.m.:

W. J. Scotcher; J. M. Purvis, L. Tipple; W. H. Stonell, G. Mitchell, L. Stedman; L. Macey, R. A. Bates, W. H. Smith, F. Parker and L. A. C. Coombes.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. against H.M.S. Tamar at King's Park at 4.30 p.m.:

W. J. Scotcher; J. M. Purvis, L. Tipple; R. A. Bates, R. Dormer, W. J. Brown; A. Tate, G. F. Rees, W. H. Smith, F. Parker and H. Muller.

Ladies' Teams.

The following have been selected to play H.M.S. Suffolk at Sookunpoo at 3.30 p.m.:—

G. E. Little; E. Gray, B. V. Franklin; A. Owen-Hughes, E. Bonnar, M. L. Wallace; E. R. Bell, N. McNeillie, E. M. Donelan, M. Smalley, and B. Laing.

The team to play the Y.M.C.A. at King's Park at 3.15 p.m. is as follows:—

E. Lammert; F. Cousins, M. King; P. Carter, F. Webber, E. O'Hagan; I. C. Bell, J. L. Whyte, C. Ferguson, E. Blackburn, and M. Bishop.

EASIER GOLF

by H. STUART HOBSON

HOW HIGH SHOULD THE BALL BE TEED?

STUDYING BOBBY JONES.

A peculiar superstition seems to exist among golfers that to tee the ball high is to hint of both nervousness and incompetence.

If a conquering golfer uses a high tee, his vanquished adversary is certain to dwell on this weakness. There are some golfers who, in the eyes of the long-handicap man, ought never to win matches. These are those who indulge in no heroics in getting out of the rough, those who sink long putts across the green, and those who tee the ball high.

Strangely enough, it is just these outcasts who do seem to collect the spoons, the medals, and the stakes.

Of golfers who use the high tee, Bobby Jones must take first place.

He tees the ball a full inch off the ground. The height of such a tee, by contrast with what is considered the normal height, seems enormous.

Incisive Reasons.

The champion, however, has very incisive reasons for using a high tee, and his swing reveals them. His drive is essentially a sweep, with a snap of the wrists to add emphasis to it. He makes no obvious attempt to get down to the ball, as so many golfers do when the ball is teed closer to the ground. Instead of hitting at the ball, Bobby Jones sweeps it off a pedestal, using a deep-faced driver. Any golfer who cares to experiment with a high tee and a deep-faced club will find that his confidence in his swing will grow. There will be fewer doubts in his mind about hitting the ball squarely.

It is a fallacy to assume that a high tee leads to skying the ball.

On the contrary, if the driver sweeps through the ball, there is no gain in height but there should be an addition of yards to the length of the drive. Once the knack of using a high tee is mastered, it is just as easy to keep the right trajectory, but not nearly so easy to top the ball or to take the ground behind it.

What is important in using a high tee is the placing of the peg in relation to the feet.

The tee should be level with the arch of the left foot, and certainly not further back than level with the left heel.

A Better Method.

This enables the player to hit the ball in the back—a better method for most golfers than hitting the ball a descending blow. It is when the ball is embedded in the ground, or buried in sand and grass, that the player should stand firmly over it on his right foot and hit a descending blow. When the ball can be teed up, a sweeping blow that hits the ball fairly in the back is most successful.

Many professionals condemn the high tee for the drive, holding that you have to get down to the ball when playing with mashie or brassie through the fairway.

Undoubtedly there is a great deal of truth in this, but we have to consider that the drive from the tee and the spoon shot through the fairway are not necessarily more similar than drive and iron shot. We do not bury the ball on the tee because we are sometimes compelled to play from a bunker with just a bare sight of it. Why should we give up any advantage we can secure with the first shot through thinking too soon about the second?

A player who uses a high tee when driving is not necessarily weak with spoon shots; there will probably be just the difference in the swings for the two shots that secures length and overspin in one case and lift and backspin, to stop the ball on the green, in the other.

The choosing of a spot on the teeing ground, too, is worthy of consideration.

Many players who slice, or who fear to find a hazard close on the right-hand boundary of the fairway, will tee up the ball on the left of the teeing ground. This is a mistake. The ball should be teed up to the extreme right, so that you hit well into the fairway. A good shot should take you slightly over to the left; a sliced shot may curl over to the right. If the ball is teed up on the left, it will probably be pushed straight out towards the hazard on the right.

Cursed with Slicing.

I am reminded of a golfer who was not merely troubled but cursed with slicing. He claimed never to have hit a completely straight shot.

Hearing that it was a good idea to tee to the right and hit to the left, he did this at the 10th one day, aiming to place the ball between square-leg and mid-on.

This was unfortunate for a foursome putting on the 9th green, which was in this direction. He hit the first straight shot he had ever hit in his life, and shook them up severely.

It is seldom advisable to adopt a deliberate fault to cure another fault, but there is nothing to be said against using a high tee and placing that tee in the part of the teeing ground most likely to help the drive.—(*China Mail* Copyright.)

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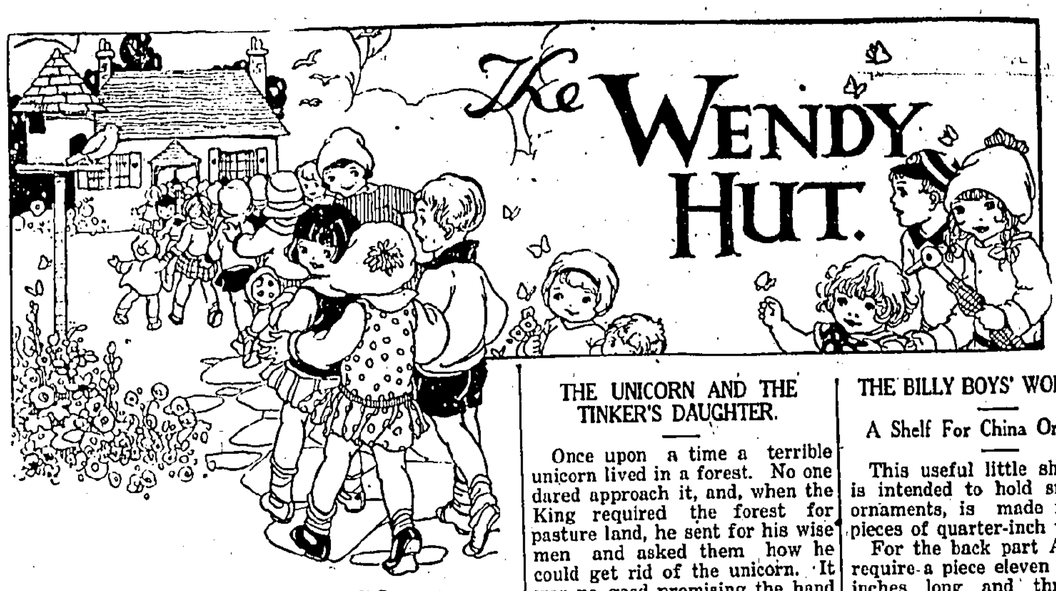


BOYS OF LONG AGO.

HUGUES.

Hugues was seven years old when his mother kissed him goodbye, and placed him in the care of a famous baron who was to train him in all chivalrous virtues.

The boy was very homesick in his master's bleak castle. But even at that early age he knew he was a noble, and if his lip trembled, and his eyes filled with tears, he turned his head the other way that nobody might see his face.

At first he was page to the baron's lady wife. He rode at her side when she went hawking, and soon he became an expert horseman, who loved the chase. When Hughes was fifteen, the baron made him his squire. Then the lad went to his own home for a few weeks, and was very proud and gay.

It was now his duty to carve in the dining-hall for his lord and lady, and many a round of beef did Hugues serve on the wooden platters for his master's guests, and many a cup of sweet wine did he set before them.

Hugues was gay, and his tongue full of wit. But, although the baron loved his young squire and allowed him certain liberties, his hand was often heavy, for he demanded absolute obedience.

Hugues now carried his master's lance, accompanied him everywhere, waited upon him hand and foot, and strove to do some valorous deed for him or his lady which would earn a knighthood.

At last the great day arrived when Hugues was twenty-one. That morning he rose early, bathed, dressed in white linen, went to the Church, and confessed to the priest. Through the night he watched alone in the Church before the altar, vowing to himself that all his life he would do right. In the morning there was a great ceremony. Two soldiers testified to Hugues' courage, a sword was consecrated, and the baron struck the kneeling youth upon the shoulders with his own sword.

"Many a round of beef did Hugues serve for his master's guests."

"Rise, Sir Hugues!" he cried. "Swear that this sword shall be used only in defence of the weak and oppressed."

With his lips trembling a little, Hugues swore. Then the baron kissed him, girt on his sword, and, with shining eyes and fast-beating heart, Sir Hugues marched from the Church, ready to defend his king, his country, or any one in distress who should call upon him as a knight of Christendom for help.

THE UNICORN AND THE TINKER'S DAUGHTER.

Once upon a time a terrible unicorn lived in a forest. No one dared approach it, and, when the King required the forest for pasture land, he sent for his wise men and asked them how he could get rid of the unicorn. It was no good promising the hand of the princess to any young man who destroyed the monster, for many had tried and failed.

The wise men were perplexed. After searching in many books, they discovered that the unicorn could only be destroyed by a good and kind maiden, in whose presence it would lose its fierceness.

So all the girls of that land were called together to draw lots, and the lot fell upon the tinker's daughter. Now the tinker's daughter was terrified, but she was determined not to show her fear. The princess presented her with a spear, and a great company of people conducted her to the forest with much pomp.

"The unicorn will lie quietly at your feet and you can strike him at will," said the King. "It is quite easy."

The tinker's daughter entered the wood with her head high and her teeth chattering. As soon as she was out of sight of her friends, the unicorn rushed towards her. The poor girl shut her eyes — and when she opened them again, the unicorn was lying at her feet! She looked at his beautiful white coat, his red head, his blue eyes, and the tears ran down her cheeks.

"I must do this for my country," she murmured. And, shutting her eyes again, she lifted the spear and struck the unicorn.

Then someone touched her hand, and she opened her eyes and beheld a splendid prince standing beside her.

"Sweet maiden," he said, "Your courage has broken the spell and set me free."

Even when she was a princess, the maiden never told anyone how frightened she had been. She always said that, no matter how dreadful a task appeared, it proved quite easy when attacked with courage.

FIRE.

Fire, man's dreaded, hated enemy,
Man's pitiless, terrible foe,
Leaves behind it vast destruction—
A path of poverty and woe.

Many an innocent being has
Been cast from the prime of life,
'Neath a cloud of grief and sorrow,
To a world of toil and strike.

But not always an enemy is fire,
In unexpected corners to lurk,
Ridder of disease, germs and plague,
Saver of labour, toil and work.

And so this mysterious power,
This red-tongued destructive fire,
Repays us a thousand-fold
For its furious outbursts of ire.

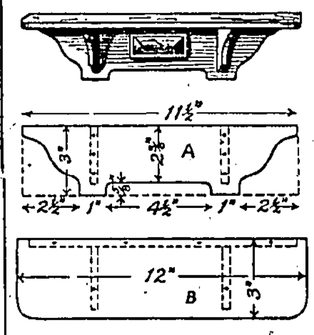
THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

A Shelf For China Ornaments.

This useful little shelf, which is intended to hold small china ornaments, is made from odd pieces of quarter-inch wood.

For the back part A, you will require a piece eleven and a half inches long and three inches wide. Plane this on both sides, and mark out the shape with a pencil. After marking one curved side, transfer the shape to the other end of the wood with a piece of tracing paper. Cut round the outline with a fretsaw and smooth the edges with glass-paper.

The shelf B is twelve inches long and three inches wide, with



A shelf for the display of china ornaments. Carpenter tells you how to make it, and these diagrams will help.

rounded front corners. After planing both sides, fix it to the back with four screws at the points indicated.

Cut the two supporting brackets from a piece of wood three and a half inches long and two and a half inches wide. Mark the outline of one bracket (C), and, after cutting it out and finishing the edges with glass-paper, place it on the other piece of wood and mark out the shape of the second bracket. Cut this out and finish it in the same way. Make sure that the top and back edges of the brackets are at right angles to each other. Each bracket is fixed to the back with three screws, and to the shelf with one screw, as indicated in the two centre diagrams.

To complete the shelf, glue and nail on an oblong wooden ornament, about two and three quarter inches long and one and a quarter inches wide.

Give the whole two coats of enamel or varnish stain, and it is ready to be presented to Mother.

The Hut Carpenter.

WHAT HE WOULD DO.

A master at a certain school thought he might employ one of his junior forms in the construction of couplets. He gave the boys the first line, and waited to see what they could do. The line—

"If I had twopence to call my own . . ."

An insignificant and meek eleven-year old added:

"I'd insult the Head o'er the telephone."

THE STORY OF THE LEATHER APRON.

Kaweh, the blacksmith, lived in Persia when Zohak reigned over the land of roses and nightingales. And Zohak was a very evil king. There was not one good deed that could be counted for him, and the people began to murmur against him.

After a time, Zohak began to be afraid, and he caused a great document to be written, stating that he was a good king and setting forth all the beneficial things he had done for Persia. This magnificent testimonial was placed upon a table, and Zohak called a number of powerful nobles to sign it.

While this business was going on, Kaweh, the blacksmith, came to the palace, crying for mercy. Zohak asked him who had wronged him.

"Sixteen of my sons have been taken to appease your serpents, O Zohak!" cried the blacksmith. "Now the last one has been fetched!"

Kaweh's rage and grief were so great that Zohak thought it would be wiser to find some other youth to appease the hunger of his serpents. So he told Kaweh that his son should be given back to him if he signed the document round which the nobles were standing.

But when Kaweh knew the words of the document, he rushed out of the palace, tore off his leather apron, and made his way to the market place. There he placed his apron on a spear, and, using this as a standard, called upon his countrymen to rally round it and deliver Persia from the tyrant.

That flag carried them to victory! And for many hundreds of years the standard of Persia was a leather apron decked with gold, precious stones, and embroideries of green and scarlet.

WENDY'S LITTLE COOKS.

Orange Dessert.

Cut round an orange without breaking the inner skin; place the orange near the stove till it is quite warm, and then the skin will be quite easily removed with the handle of a spoon.

Take away all pith and pips from the fruit, and make an orange pulp, sweetened with castor sugar. Whip some cream till it is quite stiff, mix it with the pulp, and fill the two halves of the orange skin with this.

Roll some icing sugar till it is smooth, and mix it to a thick cream with the juice of a lemon. With a teaspoon place a ring of this on top of the cream in the orange skin "baskets," push a little orange peel handle into each, arrange on separate little dishes, and serve as a "surprise" for supper.

OVERLAND MAIL.

A very good group of selections from Kipling's books is contained in the "Kipling Reader." A few of his best poems are also printed in this book.

His best poem is the Overland Mail. It has a swinging rhythm to it, which delights. The poem opens with the following lines:—

"In the name of the Empress of India, make way,
O lords of the jungle, wherever you roam,
The woods are astir at the close of the day—
We exiles are waiting for letters from home.
Let the robber retreat—let the tiger turn tail—
In the name of the Empress, the Overland Mail!"

One can picture the mail carrier fighting his way through the Indian jungle. Tramping wearily over the hills; battling over flooded rivers—on he goes by day, perhaps taking a rest 'neath the shade of a tree when the merciless sun beats down too hard upon him—on he must go!

"From aloe to rose-oak, from rose-oak to fir,
From level to upland, from upland to crest,
From rice field to rock ridge, from rock ridge to spur,
Flies the soft sandalled feet, strains the brawny brown chest,
From rail to ravine—to the peak from the vale—
Up, up, through the night, goes the Overland Mail."

Then, as the sun rises on a new day:—

"A speck on the hillside, a dot on the road—
A jingle of bells on the foot-path below—
There's a scuffle above in the monkeys' abode,
The world is awake, and the clouds are aglow,
For the sun himself must attend to the hall;
In the name of the Empress, the Overland Mail!"

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

If you held last week's puzzle up to a mirror, you noticed that the letters drawn beside it were RE. As the little word was turned round, you probably guessed that the hidden word was "returned"—re turned! Full solution:—

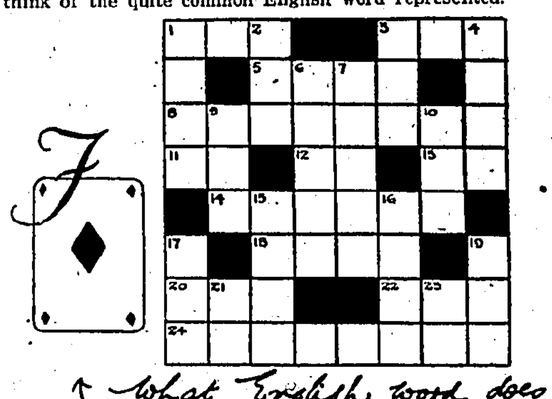
Across.

1. Entices ..... (Attracts).
7. Vehicle ..... (Car).
8. A great deal ..... (Lot).
9. Comfort ..... (Ease).
12. Region ..... (Area).
13. Hidden word ..... (Returned).
14. Pronoun ..... (Me).
17. Hanging down ..... (Drooping).

Down.

1. Agreed ..... (Accorded).
2. Baby's "thank you" ..... (Ta).
3. Special pleasure ..... (Treat).
4. Not dirty ..... (Clean).
5. Preposition ..... (To).
6. Not sitting ..... (Standing).
10. Kind of lily ..... (Arum).
11. To burn ..... (Sere).
15. Negative ..... (No).
16. Roman numeral for six ..... (VI).

This week we have a letter and a card. See if you can think of the quite common English word represented.



What English word does this suggest to you?

Clues:—

Across.

1. Number.
3. Little fish.
5. Hidden word.
8. To help.
11. British Dominion (abbreviated).
12. Roman numeral.
13. Pronoun.
14. Give up.
18. Dispose of for money.
20. High mountain.
22. Devour.
24. Amounts paid.

Down.

1. Small casks.
2. Not on.
3. Famous Scottish river.
4. Resting places.
6. Get up.
7. Polite.
9. Organ of hearing.
10. Woman in a convent.
15. Catch sight of.
16. Valley.
17. Head covering.
19. Possessive pronoun.
21. Old-fashioned exclamation.
23. Preposition.

THE OCEAN.

Ye waves of ocean that are never still,
But charge and dash yourselves to milky spray,
To then recoil in whirlpools, gurgling gay
Into some rocky pool which fain would fill
The fish ye have that live by fin and gill.
More beautiful than mortal tongue can say,
Are many coloured as the rainbow's ray,
As they both swim and dive in waters still.

But foul and greedy ocean deep and wide!
How many lives hast thy great maw consumed,
How many treasures dost thy water hide?
Thy monsters eat the corpses of untombed,
Then slumber, waiting for the next mad tide,
Whose waves in fury some poor ship has doomed.

THE LEGEND OF INDIAN CORN.

Long ago, the legend tells us, a poor redskin lived alone on the edge of the cold heart of the icy north, and he was very lonely. During the Summer months, when the sun was hot and flowers burst forth from the earth, he caught salmon and dried it for the winter. But even then the days seemed long and lonely.

One morning, when he was on his way to the river, he saw a maiden standing in his path, and he was amazed at her loveliness. She was very fair, dressed in a pale green gown, and her golden hair fell to her feet. Fearing she would vanish, the Indian tried to catch her, but she slipped just out of his reach.

"If you will obey me, I will stay with you always," she smiled, "And you shall never be lonely again."

The Indian promised he would do anything she demanded. So she told him to take two sticks and rub them together till they made a spark, and then to burn the grass on which she stood. The Indian did this; and then, when he had cleared the ground, the maiden told him to take her by the hair and drag her over the burnt patch.

This request horrified the young man, but, as the maiden was turning sadly away, he took her gently by the hair and pulled her over the ground. When he looked back over his shoulder, the maiden had vanished.

For months the Indian grieved for the golden maiden. But Spring arrived, and strange plants sprang up in the burnt patch; the plants ripened and became maize, or Indian corn, and then the redskin knew that the maiden would always be with him!

He was never lonely again, for the news spread quickly and many Indians gathered to reap the maize. To this day, they say, you can see the maiden's hair hanging between the tender corn cobs, and her gown fluttering in the soft green leaves.

THE SHREWD ELEPHANT.

The elephant is probably the shrewdest and most adaptable of living animals, and has no enemies except man. He eats anything that is green, and seems equally at home on the plains or in the forests and jungles on the high mountain slopes, or down in swampy lowlands.

His trunk is one of the most extraordinary organs of nature. It contains the finest smelling apparatus on earth, and when the proximity of man is suspected the trunk is raised in the air and carefully turned in all directions, "feeling" for the man smell in the wind.

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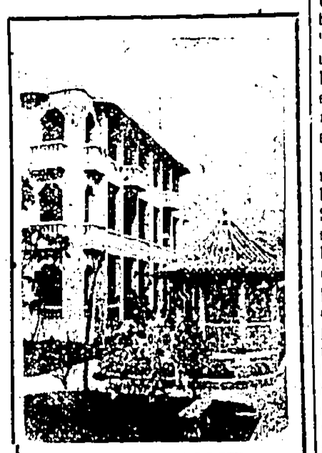

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Pen As Useful As Spade.

["Digging Up the Past," by C. Leonard Woolley; Benn, 6/- net.]

To those interested in archaeology and to students of ancient history this book should prove as interesting as any novel. The learned and authoritative excavator shows here, as he did in his "Ur of the Chaldees," that he can use the pen as well as the spade. Not only are we told the methods and difficulties of digging up the relics of bygone civilisations but also the reasons.

The enthralling and delicate methods of excavation employed by such experts as the author and Sir Arthur Evans are clearly described and tellingly illustrated by examples drawn from many different fields (Egypt, Mesopotamia, Asia Minor, etc.), each of which may present its own peculiar difficulty. Along with this technical description of actual digging we are shown something of the ingenious process of observation and deduction by which these finds are made to unravel the past. Such work is purely a labour of love and enthusiasm performed usually in unhealthy spots under uncomfortable conditions with unsympathetic officials of suspicious governments doing more to hinder than help.

The opening chapter, named "Introductory," is chokeful of information pleasantly put, and the too short volume is excellently illustrated by no fewer than 33 photographic plates.

NATURALIST'S ROMANCE.

["The Love Letters of Ernst Haeckel," written between 1898 and 1903. Arranged, with an Introduction, by Johannes Werner. Translated by Ida Zeitlin. Crown 8vo. Methuen & Co.; 7s. 6d. net.]

Here for the first time is revealed the romance which flowered between a renowned naturalist and a young girl, whose admiration for his books prompted her to write to him. At first their correspondence was purely scholastic, resulting from a community of interests, but subtly their love for each other developed. The rejuvenating stream of happiness it released in the man, the spiritual growth it engendered in the woman, and the suffering decreed by law for both, are here set down in a dramatic and fascinating story. The letters also shed an interesting light on Haeckel's attitude towards his most popular book, "The Riddle of the Universe," and on the reaction of the public to it.

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A Chief Librarian's Protest.

Mr. L. Stanley Jast, chief librarian of the Manchester Public Libraries, in his presidential address to the Library Association at Cambridge dealt with the standardisation of literature.

It was not his purpose, he said, to review, even cursorily, all the forces that were steam-rolling the world into uniformity. The general Press was already standardised. The newspaper—with a few exceptions that still remained to them—was not literature.

Mr. Jast proceeded to deal with the case of magazines, "The occupant of the editorial chair," he said, "is primarily an exponent of big business, and turns out his publication on the same lines as Mr. Ford turns out his five or six thousand motor-cars per day.

"If you want to write stories for him you must not waste your energies on creating, but you must write to pattern, and your success will depend, not on the merits of the story but your adherence to the proper formula. If the formula is correct, everything is correct. And the formula depends on the public which buys the magazine.

Temperamental Biography.

"What Mr. O'Brien calls 'fever charts' of the circulation and of the public's response to the stories—the latter estimated not only by the circulation, but by those curious people who communicate to the editor their opinions of the stories—are religiously kept, and the patient drugged in strict accordance with the varying movements of the graph.

"It is true that literature, other than magazine literature and fiction, is more resistant to the mechanical formula—more resistant, but, unfortunately, not impervious. Its fell trail is beginning to be seen in other departments of the book—for example, that bastard development of the modern writer, the temperamental biography, cursed by every librarian because, whether classed in biography or in fiction, it is out of place.

"The formula is simple; take any well-known man whose standard biography has been written—this is necessary, because otherwise you would have to hunt up the facts yourself—filch whatever suits your purpose, and serve with dialogue drawn from your own inner consciousness.

"When well done by a master, such as Maurois or Harold Nicolson, the result is amusing, even brilliant, though the subject is neither Shelley nor Byron, but another man of the same name. But when done, as it is now being done, by a score of second-rate imitators, the results are mischievous and debasing to the biographical currency."

He saw in the custodian of the great reference libraries who collected utterly regardless of the changing and accidental values of the moment, the one hope and safeguard against the future given up wholly to the dread god of the machine.

Hospital Readers.

Miss Redmayne, honorary librarian, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, speaking on libraries in hospitals, said, that few patients really knew what they wanted, and practically none of them could voice their choice.

For instance, a few weeks ago an old patient came in again, and when she asked him if he would like some more books on applied electricity he said that he would rather "have a classic." Having been had that way before, she carefully asked him which classic, and back came the answer: "Nat Gould or Rider 'Aggard."

JAPANESE POETRY.

So long as the gems of literature are not wisely to be ignored, Japanese poetry is entitled to careful study. How to suggest accurately and effectively the significance of sound and scene in purling stream, falling snow, the cuckoo's note, the music of insects and the joy of all creeping things, is an art of power that the Japanese poet has achieved in a manner and degree that can only be regarded as poetry. It is in this love and exploitation of beautiful things and places that the Japanese are an incarnation of the ancient Greeks. In regard to nature, the Japanese do not admire expansive views so much as little glimpses of beauty. They appreciate not so much great mountain heights and ranges, nor endless sea vistas, lakes or plains so much as they appreciate definite scenes or facts representing much in little: the multum in parvo of the ancients; or, better still, Quam multa! Quam paucis! That is, the concise in style and the pregnant in meaning, which, is, to the Japanese, the essential characteristic of a fine poem equally with a fine painting. It is the scene rather than the scenery that concerns the poet.

Who that has seen the wild geese homing in the moonlight as winter approaches, their wing-tips overlapping, does not appreciate the poetry of this tanka?

Shira-kumo ni
hane uchikawashi
tobu kari no—
kazusae miyuru.
aki-no-yo-no-tsuki.

Through the white clouds high,
with wing-tips overlapping,
wild geese homeward fly:
each afar distinctly seen
in the fair moon's autumn sheen.
—J. Ingram Bryan, in "The Literature of Japan."

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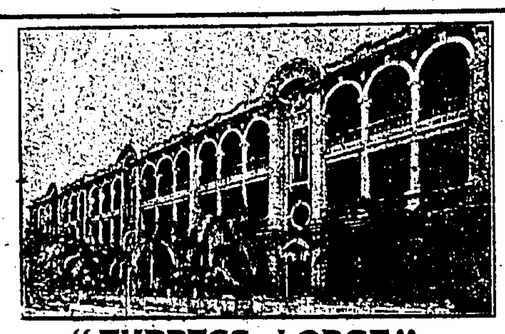
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ROUND THE CAMP FIRE

BOY SCOUTS.

Cross Channel In Folding Canoe.

How two Boy Scouts crossed the Channel in a canoe last year en route to Birkenhead, and of how they were forced to turn back on reaching London, has only just been revealed by Monsieur de Bonstetten, the Chief Scout for Switzerland.

Egon Barth and Fritz Weber of the Neuhausen Troop, 18 and 17 years old, set off from the bottom of the Chute du Rhin on board a "Klepperboot" a folding canvas canoe, 18 feet long and 3 feet wide. After going down the Rhine, sleeping in a tent by the riverside, they arrived at Rotterdam on the twelfth day of the trip. Thence they went by train to Calais. The port officer was questioned as to the possibility of crossing the Channel and a pilot directed them. The two Scouts embarked at dawn on the fourteenth day. At seven o'clock a breeze sprang up, and the canoe began to dance on the waves, but after an hour the wind dropped. At eight o'clock they met a steamer. But let Barth tell the tale.

"I asked for the direction of Dover. The boat drew alongside. They let down a ladder. The captain shouted, 'Won't you come on board?' I replied, 'No, thank you, Sir.' My question about the weather was answered; 'You will have some fog.' I again asked for the direction of Dover and the encouraging reply came back: 'You will never reach Dover!' Then the steamer turned and we were alone in our 'nutshell' on the immense sea. About ten o'clock Cap Gris Nez disappeared and we had to trust to our compass. Three kilometres outside Dover there was a side wind and we decided to hoist our sails. We moved quickly, but I had to row to avoid sea-sickness. At 5.15 p.m. we landed at Dover, after having rowed for 10¼ hours.

"We were the first Swiss to cross the Channel in a folding canoe, two German expeditions have succeeded before us."

After passing two days at London the two Scouts returned to Switzerland, their capital being exhausted.

Monsieur Bonstetten adds: "I am sorry they did not get as far as Birkenhead, where life's cares did not exist and where their courage and enterprise would certainly have found due appreciation."

DREAM COMES TRUE.

Sir Walter Besant's Double Forecast.

The Sunday Referee has revealed how Roland House, the Scout Settlement in East London, once the drama house of Sir Walter Besant, the famous novelist, has become true as a centre of social service.

In an article dealing with the neighbourhood around Roland House, The Sunday Referee said:

"In Sir Walter Besant's fiction dream in his 'All Sorts and Conditions of Men,' his heroine, Miss Kennedy, seeking an outlet for good deeds, set up as a dressmaker at 29, Stepney Green.....

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"Sir Walter lived to help his Palace-in-the-air on a sure foundation in The People's Palace.

"Little can he have thought that one day Britain's heir-apparent, princes and pilgrims of many hues, faiths and tongues, an archbishop and scores of other folk of varied social and professional status would gather within the two-and-a-half centuries' old panels of his dream house.

"In the dream of real life, after Sir Walter's dream-house, once like its neighbours, the abode of carriage-folk, had suffered division into one-room tenements, it was bought by the Hon. Mr. Roland Philipps, who planned to live there among his boys.

"Instead, this Roland, worthy of his paladin-namesake of Charlemagne's days, went oversea to live and die for England.

"He left the old house as his living memorial for the use of East London's boyhood.

"To-day 29, Stepney Green is a Settlement known as Roland House to the Scout fraternity of two continents. . . . ."

"THE BOY SCOUT" OF THE IRON-ROAD.

"The Boy Scout has emerged from the Derby workshops of the L.M. & S. Railway Company and was greeted by the County Commissioner of the Derbyshire Boy Scouts, Dr. H. H. Bemrose, and Sir Henry Fowler, the Chief Engineer of the L.M.S., himself a former Commissioner of Boy Scouts.

"The Boy Scout" is the most recent of twenty engines of the "Royal Scot" class to be built by the Company.

It is hoped that the Chief Scout and Chief Guide may shortly pay a visit to this new monster of the railroad and its sister engine, "The Girl Guide."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

"The only discipline there is in the Scout Movement is the discipline of Common Sense."

Brig. General E. Harding-Newman,
Commissioner, S.W. Wilts Boy Scouts.

DON POTTER ON ROPE SPINNING

"Rope Spinning, by D. W. Pinkley, with a special chapter on How to Use the Lariat by Don Potter, Assistant Camp Chief, Gilwell Park," is the title of a book published by Messrs. Herbert Jenkins.

Don Potter is so well known throughout the Boy Scout Movement and as a roping expert that the book is assured of a large circulation, more especially as it is profusely illustrated with half-tone photographs and a series of very engaging thumbnail sketches of novel design. The book can be obtained from The Scout Shop, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, and Branches (price 2/6, post free 2/-).

AWAKING OF SANTA CLAUS!

In many parts of the world Scouts and Rovers are busy preparing to do their extra good turn when Christmas comes.

In Perth the Rovers are arranging to collect old toys, and after repairing and initiating them up they will distribute them at Christmas to poor children. The help of the police force is being enlisted in making out the lists of recipients.

LORD BADEN-POWELL.

Sees "When Scouting Won."

Lord Baden-Powell had a special view of the new Boy Scout film, "When Scouting Won," which has been produced by Mr. J. H. Martin Cross, of Minehead.

The Chief Scout, who thoroughly enjoyed the five reels of thrills, adventure and comedy, has since written congratulating the producer.

Beautiful scenes of rural life and clever acting are features of the film, which shows the value of Boy Scout training in resource and deduction and its ultimate triumph in service to the community.

Those who saw Mr. Martin Cross' previous film, "The Lone Scout," will be glad to make the acquaintance of his clever actors again in his latest production, which is even better. The fact that the film is made on non-inflammable film in both standard and 9½ mm. sizes will ensure it a largely increased circulation.

SCOUTS' NEW RECEPTION ROOM.

Sir Jeremiah Colman opened the Reception Room and Reference Library at The Boy Scouts' Imperial Headquarters in Buckingham Palace Road, London, which he has presented, furnished and fitted, to the Association.

The new accommodation, panelled, and furnished in oak and lined with glass-doored oak bookcases, has been constructed on the first floor in the place of a block of old offices.

Mr. David Jagger's portrait of Lord Baden-Powell, which formed part of the world-gift at last year's Jamboree, is hung above the mantelpiece.

Lord Baden-Powell received Sir Jeremiah's gift on behalf of The Boy Scouts' Association. He referred to Sir Jeremiah's many years of service as a member of the Council of the Boy Scouts Association, and warmly thanked Sir Jeremiah for his munificence, of which this valuable and much-needed gift was not the first example.

After the opening Lord Baden-Powell asked Sir Jeremiah's acceptance of the position of a Vice-President of The Boy Scouts Association, which Sir Jeremiah gratefully accepted.

Before the ceremony, Sir Jeremiah Colman, Mr. David Jagger and Mr. H. L. Anderson, the architect of the new rooms, were entertained to luncheon by Lord Baden-Powell.

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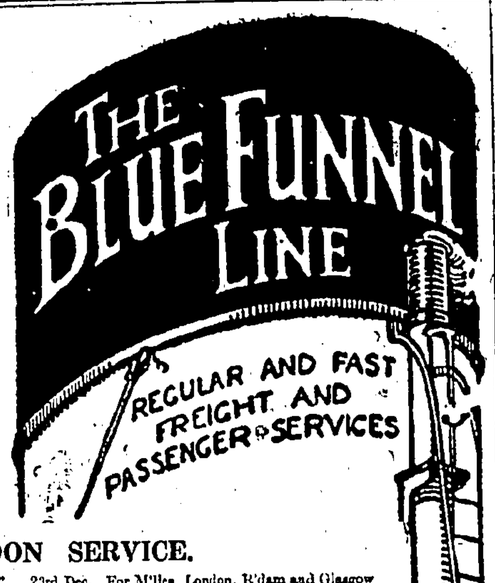

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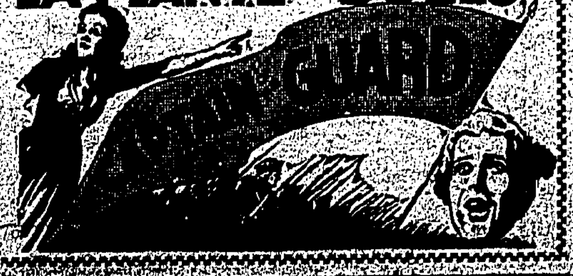

'REDS' SENTENCED AT BUDAPEST.

Frustrated Attempt to Overthrow State.

MOSCOW'S INFLUENCE.

Budapest, Yesterday.

The trial of 41 Communists, accused of attempting to overthrow the State, has resulted in the ringleaders, Ferdinand Weiss, former head of the trunk telephones at Moscow, and Michael Hay, a journalist, who were said to have maintained direct communication with Moscow, being sentenced to seven and a half years and fours years' imprisonment, respectively. Six others were sentenced to 20 and 26 months' imprisonment, and 21 others from one to 20 months. Twelve were acquitted.—Reuter.

GANDHI'S SON.

GOES BACK TO JAIL FOR SEDITIOUS SPEECH.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE.

Surat, Yesterday.

Gandhi's son, Ramdas, who was recently released from six months' imprisonment, was re-arrested for a speech on civil disobedience on December 10 in the village of Matwad, where contraband salt is alleged to have been illegally manufactured.—Reuter.

COMRADE RYKOV.

FAMOUS BOLSHEVIST WANTS TO RETIRE.

SUCCESSOR APPOINTED.

Moscow, Yesterday.

The Central Executive Committee of Soviets have relieved Rykov at his own request of the Presidency of the Council of Peoples Commissaries.

Viacheslav Molotov has been appointed to succeed Rykov.—Reuter.

BANK FAILURES.

MORE ESTABLISHMENTS CLOSE IN U.S.

FOUR STATES EFFECTED.

New York, Yesterday.

The number of banks which has suspended payment is increased by the closing down of further provincial establishments, including three in Indiana, two in North Carolina, one in New York State, and one in Virginia.—Reuter's American Service.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

GOLF—To-day and To-morrow—R.H.K.G.C. Bogey Pool; K.G.C. Captain's Cup.
To-morrow—K.G.C. Junior Championship (First Round).
December 24-28—R.H.K.G.C. Christmas Meeting.
Christmas Day—K.G.C. Christmas Meeting.
December 31-January 2—R.H.K.G.C. New Year's Meeting.
FANLING HUNT—To-day—Sheung Shui, Police Station, 3.15 p.m.
December 24—Fanling Station, 3.15 p.m.
December 26.—Hunters' Arms, 3.15 p.m.
December 31—Kennels, 3.15 p.m.
FOOTBALL — To-day — First Division—Kowloon v. Borderers; Highlanders v. Recreio; South China v. St. Joseph's; Navy v. Police; Royal Artillery v. Chinese; Second Division—Navy v. Recreio; South China v. St. Joseph's; Kowloon v. Borderers; Royal Artillery v. Club; Eastern v. University; Chinese v. Highlanders; Third Division—Royal Engineers v. Chinese; Fuklen v. Borderers; Royal Air Force v. South China; R.A.S.C. v. Ewo.
Christmas Day—*Sunday Herald* Cup—Scotland v. England (Charity Match).
Boxing Day—*Sunday Herald* Cup—China v. Portugal (Charity Match).
New Year's Day—League v. The Services (Charity Match).
CRICKET — To-day — Division I.—Craigengower v. University (F.); C.S.C.C. v. Diocesan Boys' School (F.); Hong Kong C.C. Under 30 v. Over 30; Division II.—R.A.S.C. v. Royal Signals (L.); University v. Craigengower (L.); Recreio v. Royal Engineers (F.); Police v. Civil Service (F.).
Thursday—University v. Indian R.C.
RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-day—Rugby Club v. S.W. Borderers.
HOCKEY — To-day — Y.M.C.A. v. H.M.S. Tamar, King's Park, 4.30 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. v. H.K.L.H.C., 3.15 p.m.
RACING—To-morrow—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.
February 15—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.
January 18—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.
FENCING — Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.45 p.m.
CHESS — Tuesday — Kowloon Chess Club Championship.
TENNIS—December 28—U.S.R.C. Tournament Entries Close, 6.30 p.m.
January 11—U.S.R.C. Tournament—First Rounds Close.
January 19—U.S.R.C. Tournament—Second Rounds Close.
BOXING—January 3—Tournament, City Hall, 9 p.m.
ATHLETICS—March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

DISARMAMENT NOT AN IDLE DREAM.

Draft Convention Said To Be Useless.

DALTON'S DENIAL.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons today, Mr. Hugh Dalton, replying to Commander Kenworthy and Captain Eden in regard to foreign affairs, said that it was hoped that when the figures finally fitted into the draft convention recently drawn up by the preparatory disarmament commission, the disarmament treaty would emerge. Some people outside the House said that the draft convention was perfectly useless, but the convention as it stood would lend itself to the total disarmament of the world, if public opinion were right.—Reuter.

TRADE DISPUTES.

TEXT OF NEW BILL IN COMMONS.

DEBATE NEXT MONTH.

London, Yesterday.

The text is issued of the Trade Disputes Bill, and confirms the Daily Herald forecast, to which should be added that the Bill restores the right of civil servants and employees of public authorities to belong to trade unions, also legalises peaceful picketing, provides that there be no penalty for inciting others to strike or lockout, unless the strike or lockout be declared illegal by the High Court (as to which the Attorney General must be a party).

The debate on the Bill will begin on January 22.

In the Commons, Mr. Clynes presented the Representation of the People Bill, containing the Government proposal for electoral reform and the alternative vote.

London, Later.

The House of Commons has adjourned until January 20 next.—Reuter.

LIKIN TO GO.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Customs authorities were notified to-day by the Ministry of Finance that the likin tax and the coastal trade duty will be abolished from January 31 next.

The Ministry also instructed the Native Customs outside a 50 li zone to suspend revenue collections from the end of this year and to wind up their affairs preparatory to complete suspension.—Reuter.

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